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After securing the £4.8m transfer of Hristo Stoichkov to Italy, it appears that Parma forgot to arrange any accommodation for their new star. The Bulgarian World Cup forward was forced to place an ad in a local paper seeking a house to rent. It said that Hristo Stoichkov was looking for a five-bedroomed villa with a 200ft garden, in the city or the suburbs. Anyone interested should ring Parma's office. The club was inundated with calls from fans offering Stoichkov a place to stay. Needless to say, most of the offers fell wide of the mark . . .

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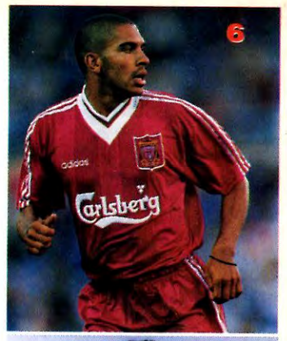


shock therapy

Kenny Dalglish's surprise resignation could be just what the doctor ordered for Blackburn Rovers. David Walker talks to new boss Ray Harford as the English champions prepare for life in the European fast lane

KENNY DALGLISH will adopt the role of European trouble-shooter to help plot Blackburn Rovers' challenge for the European Champions Cup this season.

Dalglish, the 43 year-old Scot, may have made one of the shock announcements of the summer by stepping down from full-time management and allowing his assistant Ray Harford to take over in the Ewood Park hot seat, but his knowledge and admiration for the continental game will not go untapped. Harford believes that Dalglish, in his new role as Blackburn's director of football, can still make a considerable contribution to the cause.

Harford says: "I still feel Kenny has an important role in projecting the club and in our European challenge. His knowledge of European players is second to none. He will be able to go and watch our future opponents in the Champions League. He knows the European scene so well. He was the manager for four great years. His reputation goes before him."

Harford admits that he was keen to return to front-line management after acting as Dalglish's loyal lieutenant during Blackburn's remarkable renaissance. The rare opportunity to take control of the Premiership champions, backed by benefactor Jack Walker's millions, proved irresistible.

"I always wanted a chance to be number one," says Harford. "I wanted to be a manager in my own right. Kenny was well aware of that. Although people think that there's not much in common between Kenny and me and that in games we don't communicate much, we do talk at other times. We're close and understand where each other is coming from. One thing Kenny hasn't got is an ego. He's a superstar of the football world without an ego. That's one of the reasons why our relationship has been terrific.

"He's easy to get on with. We talked about the future planning for Blackburn. He wanted to make the move and we agreed the club needed continuity. We virtually had a telepathic relationship. He's not the sort of manager who would hand out orders telling his staff what they had to do. He would assume that you knew what he wanted. You had to read his mind at times and I feel coach Tony Parkes and I got to read Kenny's feelings.

"Kenny once admitted that I could read his thoughts and I think that's how it was for the past three years or so since we won promotion to the Premier League. It was very important to Kenny, though, that he had the power to pick the team.

"That was crucial because he mixed with the players so much, including training with them, that it would have been easy for him to melt into being accepted as a player. Team selection was the big stick he kept control of.

"I used to do all the coaching and Kenny was happy for me to do that but he would pick the team. On some occasions I wasn't told of the line-up until an hour before kick-off. If there was a problem I might get a phone call a couple of hours earlier as Kenny tossed an idea over in his mind, but there were still times when he wanted to do things I didn't agree with.

"It was part of Kenny's psychology to hit you so late with the idea. I used to tell him to go with what he wanted to do because there wasn't time for me to change his mind. It was too late. That was a weapon he would use. We'd agree to differ and then try to turn the negatives to the team's advantage.

"It wouldn't surprise me if Kenny came back into football full-time once he's had a little rest. I've always felt that Kenny likes the idea of being a Beckenbauer or a Platini. A consultant with a great presence.

"I can't imagine Kenny being a national team manager like Beckenbauer with Germany but Franz has stepped into club jobs around Europe and now he's back at Bayern Munich as president. I can see Kenny in a similar role."

Harford's tactical and managerial ability was coveted by several English clubs. Some had been surprised by the sucess he had made of the job even before going to Ewood Park, after an 11-year playing career as a journeyman defender aound some of soccer's less-famous outfits.

'You won't see the fruits of what Kenny and I have done here for many years . . . if we have done it right Blackburn will be successful for another 20 years'

He was born Yorkshire in June 1945, but began his 353-match League experience with a brief spell at Charlton, before going on to Exeter, Lincoln, Mansfield, Port Vale and Colchester.

Then he turned to coaching and eventually moved to management, with Fulham, Luton – leading them to their Littlewoods Cup success in 1989 – and Wimbledon, before taking up Dalglish's offer to go to Blackburn in 1991.

To his delight, Harford has not had to depart from Ewood Park to fulfil his managerial ambitions. He says: "How can you turn down the chance of going into Europe? Taking over the Premier League champions makes my job harder now. Kenny is a hard act to follow.

"It's rare that a manager walks into a new job like this. Normally, the old boss has been sacked because results have been poor and things need turning around. That's not the case for me. I have to build on four years' outstanding success.

"The big pressure is that if we stand still as a club it will be perceived as failure. An average season in the Premier League will be seen as going backwards given what we've achieved during the last four years.

"There's great excitement here in being in the Champions Cup this season. We also want to try to win the Premier League again. The most important thing for this club is that we carry on making progress and winning trophies. That's very important to Kenny and me.

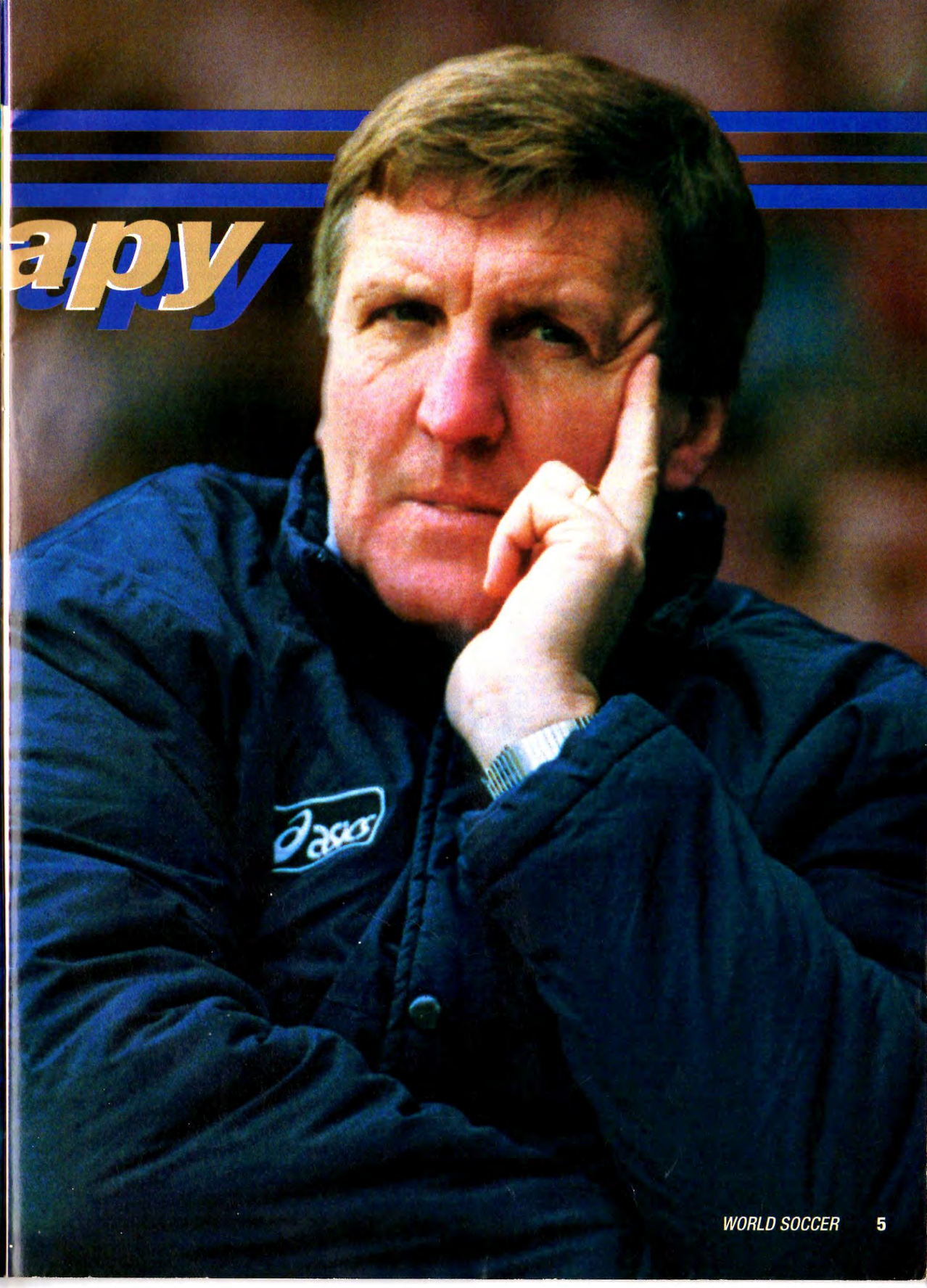
"There's still work to be done to make Blackburn as strong as it can be. I want to help us develop our strength in depth. We're trying to attract better quality young players, but it will be five years before they come through.

"You won't see the fruits of what Kenny and I have done here for many years, and if we have done it right Blackburn will be successful for another 20 years. We want firm foundations. If the structure is paper thin you lose your best players at the first hint of trouble and the results spiral.

"I've always felt a manager's aims are three-fold. He has to be successful on the pitch, successful at the bank and successful with his players. He has to ensure they are better this year than they were last year. Some managers can only get one part right. The men who can get all three right are the likes of Don Revie, Bill Shankly and Matt Busby."

Inside Ewood Park there is a genuine belief that they have pulled off the most important signing of the summer. Alan Shearer's decision to pledge his future to the club is seen as more critical than any multi-million pound transfer.

Harford says: "We've signed the best player of this summer in persuading Alan to sign a new four-year contract. Other clubs have spent lavishly but we've got the best man money can buy. Alan's commitment to the club makes life easier for me. It was absolutely vital."



pulling power

The English Premiership is attracting more fans, more money and more foreign stars than ever before. It could be one hell of a season, says John Kelly

THE 1995-96 FA Premiership promises to be the most cosmopolitan in history, with over 35 countries represented in the division.

This year's new models include a Yugoslav, a Brazilian, a Portuguese, a Georgian, an Italian and a Barbadian, adding to the clutch of foreign players already earning a living in England.

English football always has been attractive to foreign players because of its competitiveness and honesty, but the generous wages and terms on offer at present make it almost irresistible.

As if to illustrate the point, several of the big-name imports chose to come to England despite offers from wealthy clubs abroad.

Aston Villa's Savo Milosevic turned down Juventus, Atletico Madrid, Borussia Dortmund, Paris Saint-Germain and AEK Athens to move to Villa Park; Newcastle's David Ginola declined Barcelona and Bayern Munich; Ruud Gullit was approached by clubs in Italy, France and Turkey; while Andrea Silenzi's move from Torino to Nottingham Forest prompted Milan owner Silvio Berlusconi to speak out about the English threat.

Berlusconi rightly pointed out that, with the weakness of the lira against the pound, Silenzi could be the first in a long line of Italian players moving to England. Berlusconi is genuinely concerned, fearing that Italian clubs will soon be unable to compete with the Germans and English when it comes to signing the game's biggest names.

The resurgence of English football has several root causes. Attendances are on the increase as clubs finish upgrading their grounds in line with the recommendations of the Taylor Report, income from TV is at its highest-ever level, sponsorship is widespread and, significantly, clubs are now realising the money to be made from merchandising.

Jurgen Klinsmann's transfer to Tottenham 12 months ago illuminated a new revenue stream which had previously been largely ignored or unseen. Klinsmann's colossal wages were all but paid for in pre-season sales of Tottenham memorabilia and advance season ticket bookings, and if Spurs can do it, so can others.

That certainly seems to have been the thinking at Chelsea and Arsenal, who have both enjoyed booming merchandise sales following their signings of Ruud Gullit and Dennis Bergkamp respectively.

There is, however, another subtle change worth considering.

Since the 1970s, English clubs have regularly imported players, but usually the really big stars went to Italy and Spain. Now, that trend has been reversed. Bergkamp, Gullit, Ginola and Platt are genuine world stars, who could have played anywhere they wished. They chose, however, to come to England, recognising that the Premiership is one of the best competitions in Europe.

It is not, however, all things bright and beautiful on the financial front.

A recent report by accounting firm Touche Ross revealed that Premiership clubs paid out £65.7m in wages during the 1993-94 season, while the four professional divisions as a whole generated turnover of £387m.

However, while these figures suggest it is boom time in England, Touche Ross conclude their report by stating that if things continue as they are, lower League clubs will not be able to compete in the very near future. For while £387m was generated League-wide, a paltry profit of £12,000 was all they had to show for it. More worrying still, clubs in the First, Second and Third Divisions made average losses of £261,000 during 1993-94.

Another cloud on the horizon is the on-going match-fixing investigation involving Bruce Grobbelaar, John Fashanu and Hans Segers, who, along with Malaysian businessman Heng Suan Lim and Fashanu's wife Melissa Kassampasi, have now been charged with conspiracy in connection with match-fixing allegations.

Grobbelaar is to be charged with four offences, Fashanu with two, Heng Suan Lim with two and Kassampasi and Segers with one each. All five were released on bail and ordered to appear at Southampton magistrates' court in mid October.

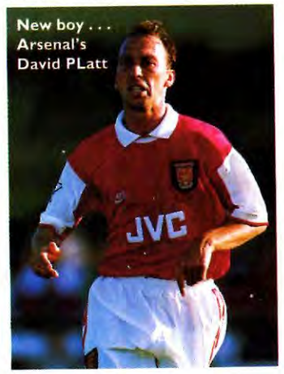
The charges carry a maximum penalty of seven years in jail and/or an unspecified fine, though all five deny the allegations and have been granted extended bail.

Whatever the outcome, it is an embarrassment for the English game in general, which prides itself on being among the most honest in the world, and comes at a time when English football's profile is as high as it has ever been.

FA PREMIERSHIP CLUB-BY-CLUB 1995-96

ARSENAL

In: Dennis Bergkamp (Internazionale), David Platt (Sampdoria).
Out: Stefan Schwarz (Fiorentina), Jimmy Carter (Portsmouth), Kevin Campbell (Nottm Forest), Alan Smith (retired).
Manager: Bruce Rioch.
NEW manager Bruce Rioch wants to bring the 'family atmosphere' back to Highbury, and seems determined to help Arsenal lose their 'boring' tag. The signings of Dennis Bergkamp and David Platt should certainly help the attack, but the midfield is still short of creative ability, and the defence has grown old together. A good outside bet for success this season, perhaps in one of the Cup competitions rather than the League.


New boy . . . Arsenal's David PLatt

ASTON VILLA

In: Savo Milosevic (Partizan Belgrade), Mark Draper (Leicester City), Gareth Southgate (Crystal Palace).
Out: Dean Saunders (Galatasaray), Dalian Atkinson (Fenerbahce), John Fashanu (retired).
Manager: Brian Little.
VILLA narrowly avoided relegation last season, and have spent almost £10m this summer on rebuilding their squad. While a season of consolidation would be useful, Brian Little's side are under pressure to win something in 1995-96, and may buckle under the weight of expectation.

BLACKBURN ROVERS

In: none.
Out: none.
Manager: Ray Harford.
NO new arrivals at Ewood Park, but Alan Shearer has signed a new contract. Kenny Dalglish has moved upstairs to become Director of Football, but there should be little disruption because assistant Ray Harford has taken over. Rovers will not give up their title without a fight, but their squad may not be big enough for a realistic crack at the Champions Cup.

BOLTON WANDERERS

In: Chris Fairclough (Leeds United), Gerry Taggart (Barnsley).
Out: Mark Seagraves (Swindon Town).
Manager: Roy MacFarland.
BRUCE RIOCH'S departure could seriously threaten promoted Bolton's hopes of a decent showing in the Premiership, after such a successful campaign last term. Capable of playing attractive attacking football, their chances of success largely depend on whether Roy MacFarland can hang on to Alan Stubbs and Jason McAteer. With two new centre-backs, Fairclough and Taggart, it looks as though Stubbs could follow Rioch to Arsenal.

CHELSEA

In: Ruud Gullit (Sampdoria), Mark Hughes (Man Utd).
Out: David Hopkin (Crystal Palace).
Manager: Glenn Hoddle.
AFTER a brush with relegation, Chelsea finished mid-way last season, and there is little to indicate that things will not be the same this time round. Big-name signings Ruud Gullit and Mark Hughes *(below)* will add more PR value than anything else, and Glenn Hoddle is still trying to trim his huge playing staff before he can buy again.

COVENTRY CITY

In: Isaias (Benfica), Carlos Batista (Farense), Paul Telfer (Luton Town), John Salako (Crystal Palace).
Out: Mike Marsh (Galatasaray), Mick Quinn (PAOK Salonika), Sandy Robertson & Stephen Pressley (Dundee United).
Manager: Ron Atkinson.
BIG RON will have a hard job keeping Coventry in the top flight for the 29th consecutive season, mainly due to a suspect defence. The midfield has been weakened by Mike Marsh's departure, though Paul Telfer should be a useful addition, and in attack, the Sky Blues have Dion Dublin, Peter Ndlovu, John Salako and Isaias.

EVERTON

In: Andrei Kanchelskis (Manchester Utd), Craig Short (Derby Co).
Out: Gary Rowett (Derby Co).
Manager: Joe Royle.
JOE ROYLE spent a frustrating summer trying to strengthen his squad – bidding for players, and usually being turned down. Two who did agree were centre-back Craig Short and winger Andrei Kanchelskis *(right)*, both useful additions. Still some way short of a title-winning squad, Everton could still spring a few surprises in the Cups.

LEEDS UNITED

In: Paul Beesley (Sheffield Utd).
Out: Chris Fairclough (Bolton).
Manager: Howard Wilkinson.
LEEDS could well be a good outside bet for the title. Howard Wilkinson has retained the squad which qualified for the UEFA Cup, with the exception of Chris Fairclough. A move for Oldham's Richard Jobson broke down because of medical problems, leaving money to spend, with continuing rumours of a move for Parma's Faustino Asprilla.

LIVERPOOL

In: Stan Collymore (Nottm Forest).
Out: none.
Manager: Roy Evans.
FOR the first time in half a decade, Liverpool are being mentioned as genuine title-challengers. Last season was the best at Anfield for some time, and the blend of youth and experience in the side makes for an attractive line-up. Robbie Fowler will partner £8.5m striker Stan Collymore in a potentially deadly attack, while the radical defensive formation will continue. Exciting times at Anfield, and there is the prospect of glory in Europe to chase too.

MANCHESTER CITY

In: Giorgi Kinkladze (Dinamo Tblisi).
Out: Maurizio Gaudino (loan return to Eintracht Frankfurt).
Manager: Alan Ball.
THIS should be a season of reorganisation for City after last term's inconsistencies. Alan Ball takes over from Brian Horton, but the only new addition is Georgian international Giorgi Kinkladze, who should team up with Uwe Rosler in one of the Premiership's most unlikely alliances.

MANCHESTER UNITED

In: none.
Out: Paul Ince (Internazionale), Andrei Kanchelskis (Everton), Mark Hughes (Chelsea).
Manager: Alex Ferguson.
DISCONTENT has been the watchword at Old Trafford this summer, with three senior players leaving the club in controversial circumstances. A local newspaper poll even revealed that most fans wanted Alex Ferguson sacked. That would be extreme, but Ferguson must buy big if United are to win anything in 1995-96. Tentative moves for Ajax's Marc Overmars were made, but the £10m price tag soon cooled United's interest.

MIDDLESBROUGH

In: Phil Whelan (Ipswich Town).
Out: Uwe Fuchs (loan return to Kaiserslautern, sold to Millwall), Stephen Pears (Ipswich Town), Tommy Wright (Bradford City).
Manager: Bryan Robson.
BORO will begin their first season in the FA Premiership at their new Cellnet Riverside Stadium, but as yet there are no new faces in the side. Wild rumours of Brazilian signings have, so far, failed to materialise, leaving Bryan Robson with the bulk of the side which won the Division One title.

NEWCASTLE UNITED

In: Les Ferdinand (QPR) *(right)*, Warren Barton (Wimbd'n), David Ginola (PSG).
Out: Barry Venison (Galatasaray), Alan Neilson (Southampton).
Manager: Kevin Keegan.
KEVIN KEEGAN claims that he has the best squad in the Premiership right now, with £13m worth of talent being added this summer alone. Failure to qualify for Europe could count in their favour when the trophies are handed out next May.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST

In: Chris Bart-Williams (Sheffield Wednesday), Kevin Campbell (Arsenal), Andrea Silenzi (Torino).
Out: Stan Collymore (Liverpool).
Manager: Frank Clark.
HAVING finally lost the battle to keep Collymore, Frank Clark made three big summer signings. Campbell and Silenzi should just about cover for Collymore in attack, while Bart-Williams will add a subtle touch to midfield. Forest will be hard pressed to repeat last season's third-place, but there's the added bonus of European football.

QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS

In: Gregory Goodrich (Torquay Utd), Simon Osborn (Reading), Ned Zelic (Borussia Dortmund).
Out: Les Ferdinand (Newcastle), Michael Meacker (Reading), Clive Wilson (Spurs).
Manager: Ray Wilkins.
LES FERDINAND'S departure leaves a huge hole in the QPR attack, but Ray Wilkins does at least have money to spend. So far he has spent carefully, on Osborn, Barbadian international forward Goodrich and Aussie centre-back Zelic, but Rangers will need more to keep up with the pace.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

In: Marc Degryse (Anderlecht), Mark Pembridge (Derby Co).
Out: Chris Bart-Williams (Nottm Forest).
Manager: David Pleat.
HIGHLY respected David Pleat takes over from Trevor Francis, but will have his work cut out to improve things. Pembridge has been brought in to replace Bart-Williams in midfield, though he is not as creative and this could rebound on the attack, which will be led by Belgium skipper Degryse. Pleat may still have to buy to strengthen his defence. Realistically, a trouble-free season is the best the Owls can hope for.

SOUTHAMPTON

In: Alan Neilson (Newcastle United).
Out: none.
Manager: Dave Merrington.
THE key to Southampton's hopes lie in the 'none' next to 'Out:'. Should the name Matt Le Tissier appear, the Saints could be in real trouble. So far they have resisted all attempts to sign Le Tissier, despite Alan Ball – the man capable of getting the best out of Le Tissier – leaving for Maine Road. If new boss Dave Merrington fails to hang on to the England midfielder, next season could be like a fairytale at The Dell . . . Grimm!

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR

In: Chris Armstrong (Crystal Palace), Clive Wilson (QPR).
Out: Jurgen Klinsmann (Bayern Munich), Gica Popescu (Barcelona), John Hendry (Motherwell).
Manager: Gerry Francis.
TROUBLED times at White Hart Lane during the summer: Klinsmann left under a cloud, Barcelona nicked Popescu, Barmby also wants to go, the team had a disastrous tour of Scandinavia and Teddy Sheringham had an all-round go at his employers. On the plus side, Chris Armstrong comes in for Jurgen Klinsmann, and Clive Wilson is a useful free-transfer addition to the squad. It does seem, however, that not all the Spurs are pulling in the same direction, a problem Francis must address immediately.

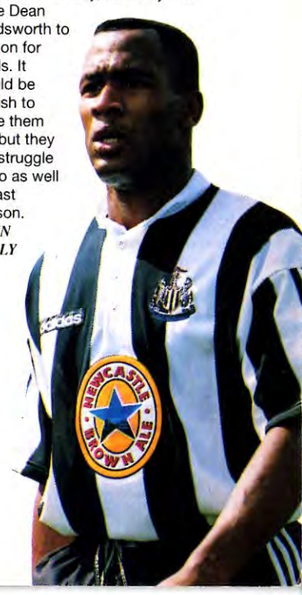
WEST HAM UNITED

In: Marco Boogers (Sparta Rotterdam).
Out: Trevor Morley (Reading).
Manager: Harry Redknapp.
IT is difficult to see anything but another relegation battle in store for West Ham. Journeyman Dutch striker Boogers has been added to a goal-shy attack, and could partner fellow-countryman Jeroen Boere. But the Hammers' problems remain in defence, despite the presence of Danish international Marc Rieper.

WIMBLEDON

In: Paul Heald (Orient).
Out: Warren Barton (Newcastle).
Manager: Joe Kinnear.
AS usual, The Dons have had to sell this summer to keep afloat, though at least only one player has left this time. Barton will be a big loss at the back, but midfielder Robbie Earle has been persuaded to stay, and they still have Dean Holdsworth to rely on for goals. It would be foolish to write them off, but they will struggle to do as well as last season.

JOHN KELLY



foreign bodies

We profile the latest imports set to make their mark on an increasingly cosmopolitan Premiership

Ruud Gullit (*Chelsea*)

HE MADE an impressive entry on to the platform, partnered by his new boss. Cracking jokes with the press, he was clearly confident in a foreign tongue.

Rewind a year and this could have been Jurgen Klinsmann's debut before the British media. Instead it was the former European Footballer of the Year and Milan star, Ruud Gullit.

Gullit's decision to come to England was taken quickly but with the common sense that has marked his career, both on and off the pitch.

"When I was in Italy I never thought of playing in England. But when I made my decision to quit Italy I still felt fit enough, I felt good, and I needed a new challenge at a certain kind of level in Europe," he said. "My knee injuries are a thing of the past."

A meeting with Glenn Hoddle in Italy persuaded Gullit that Chelsea was the right club to join. "The most important part was Glenn's way of thinking about football and he had some very good ideas, and most of all he wanted me to play in defence. When I played in Holland, I played as a libero and I thought it was time for me to play as a sweeper again and that made the whole thing interesting."

He says: "I think the most important thing is you feel hungry enough. If you don't have that hunger then it's better to stop."

Any differences between England and Italy do not seem to disturb the placid Dutchman, who added: "I'm just going to do what I did when I first arrived in Italy. I'm just going to see what happens. There is speed but some teams play the ball and I think this is important. It's not important who you play, it's important how we play and if we can direct the game."

He has also been following the stadium developments in English football. "I'm very curious to play in all the new stadiums," he said.

Gullit, known for his interests outside football, in politics and environmental issues, is also looking forward to expanding his cultural horizons. As a music fan, he is keen to experience what he calls London's "more global culture".

Clearly both London and Ruud Gullit will profit from each other in the coming months, in more ways than just on the football pitch.

CONRAD LEACH

Savo Milosevic (*Aston Villa*)

YUGOSLAV international Savo Milosevic chose Aston Villa ahead of a host of top European clubs, including Parma, where he spent four days talking over a move, Juventus, Atletico Madrid, Borussia Dortmund, Paris Saint-Germain and AEK Athens.

After paying £3.5m for the 21-year-old, Villa boss Brian Little was delighted to have signed him. "Basically I believe he will score a lot of goals for us," said Little.

Milosevic was a Yugoslav title winner with Partizan Belgrade in 1993 and 1994, but is now looking forward to a new challenge in England. "I liked the determination of Doug Ellis and Brian Little. They were very concrete and correct," said the Yugoslav player of the year and top scorer for the past two seasons. "I think the Premier League will soon become as attractive as the Serie A.

"For me, football is scoring goals. I have set myself a target of 25 League goals this season and whenever I have had a target before, I have reached it."

Milosevic, scorer of three goals in his six international appearances, will not only be displaying his goalscoring talents in the Premiership – the bandanna he wore to cover up a recent head injury is now a permanent fixture after he scored while wearing it.

David Ginola (*right*) (*Newcastle United*)

DAVID GINOLA spoke to Barcelona and Bayern Munich before accepting the offer to join Kevin Keegan's Tyneside revolution in a £2.5m move from Paris Saint-Germain.

"I know a lot of people will say I will fail, but I am looking forward to it," said the French international. "I will have to adapt my game to play in England – it's a new departure for me."

The 28-year-old will also be renewing acquaintances with fellow countryman Eric Cantona, who was one of the loudest critics when Ginola's mistake allowed Bulgaria to pip France to a World Cup place 18 months ago.

"I will shake hands with Eric and be friends," said Ginola. "He said something about my contribution to the team. Too many things were said. But he is an acquaintance and I want to speak to him."

Giorgi Kinkladze (*Manchester City*)

MIDFIELDER Giorgi Kinkladze is the most talented Georgian player around, according to Dynamo Tbilisi coach David Kipiani.

Quite when Maine Road fans will be in a position to make their own judgement about the £2m signing is still not clear because City overlooked the small matter of applying for a work permit.

The 22-year-old was released by Dynamo while still a teenager, picked up by a Third Division club – who went on to reach the Premier League – and Dynamo ended up paying over £35,000 to get him back.

In 1992-3 he was voted Georgian Player of the Year and his brilliant performance last November, when Georgia beat Wales 5-0, was somehow noticed by Boca Juniors, who made an approach. However, the Argentinians would not release him for internationals and the deal never went through.

On his way back from Buenos Aires to Tbilisi – Real Madrid's agents stopped him at Madrid airport and he spent a fortnight at the Bernabeu. It was thought that Real would sign Kinkladze but on June 7, he marked his 13th cap with a wonder goal against Wales and new City manager Alan Ball snapped him up. "The main target for me is to bring more fame to my country," Kinkladze said.

Kinkladze flew back to Georgia for a holiday just 24 hours after meeting his new team-mates. The culture shock, apparently, proved too much . . .

Marco Boogers (*West Ham Utd*)

DESPITE playing for modest clubs, Marco Boogers [*pronounced Boagers*] has always been up among the Dutch League's top scorers.

The 28-year-old, who has one Dutch Under-21 cap, began his career at DS '79 (now Dordrecht '90), moving on to Utrecht, RKC Waalwijk, Fortuna Sittard, and back to RKC, before joining Sparta last season in a club record deal.

The Rotterdam club averages gates of around 3,000. Hence the need to sell their best players – Boogers joined West Ham in a £600,000 deal.

Isaias (*Coventry City*)

ARSENAL fans will need no reminding of the ability of Isaias Marques Soares.

It was his goals for Benfica – one in Lisbon and two at Highbury – that sent the Gunners crashing out of the Champions Cup in 1991.

The 31-year-old Brazil-born forward, now a Portuguese national, joined Benfica from the Oporto club Boavista in 1990. He signed for Coventry in a £400,000 deal, and will be joined at Highfield Road by another Portuguese import – Carlos Batista, a £120,000 buy from Farense.

Marc Degryse (*Sheffield Wednesday*)

BELGIAN international skipper Degryse is adamant his decision to move to England was the right one

"A lot of people in Belgium are surprised that I will not be playing in Europe. But when you are playing against teams such as Liverpool andManchester United, you are playing in a European competition anyway."

The 29-year-old former Anderlecht and Club Brugge man, who stalled on a move to Celtic, was signed for an undisclosed fee, thought to be £1.5m.

Andrea Silenzi (*Nottingham Forest*)

ANDREA SILENZI'S move to England from Torino could spark an exodus of Italian players abroad, Milan owner Silvio Berlusconi has warned.

"Silenzi to Forest is just the beginning," the former Italian Prime Minister said. "With the weakness of the lira, foreign clubs are now also able to buy our best players."

Silenzi, 29, signed a three-year deal with Forest, who paid Torino an estimated £1.6m for the 6ft 5in former Napoli striker, capped once by Italy.

Silenzi is not the first Italian to play in England. Eddie Firmani (Charlton & Sampdoria), Giorgio Chinaglia (Swansea & Juventus) and Antonio Rowley (Tranmere & Liverpool) all precede him.

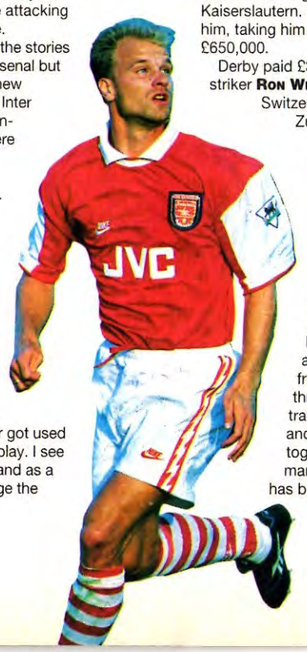
Dennis Bergkamp (*Arsenal*)

WHEN new Arsenal manager Bruce Rioch splashed out £7.5million to get Dennis Bergkamp *(below)* from Internazionale he made clear his determination to shed the 'boring Arsenal' tag that had hitherto been so carefully preserved.

Bergkamp says it is a dream move for him: "I think football in England is very similar to football in Holland, so I don't expect any problems adapting.

"I'm sure Arsenal will enjoy some good times, especially with David Platt joining as well. There was already a good team here and I hope we can both add something extra. When I first heard Arsenal wanted me I didn't think of any other club. It has been a dream of mine to play in England and I think I will do better here than in Italy because the style of football is more attacking and will suit me.

"I have heard the stories about boring Arsenal but that is nothing new . . . everyone at Inter played too defensively. There were stories that Arsenal didn't spend much . . . well, that's not true now! I never really felt happy in Italy. If you think you are in the spotlight in England it's 10 times worse in Italy. I didn't get worse during my time there but I never got used to their style of play. I see my time in England as a chance to avenge the misery of Italy."



Nedijeljko Zelic (*QPR*)

"HE'S as versatile as an egg" is how Ray Wilkins described his Ned Zelic, a 24-year-old Australian international with over 40 caps to his name who can play in midfield or defence.

Zelic started his career with Sydney Olympic, before moving on to Croatia Sydney and Croatia Canberra. He first came to prominence after starring for Australia at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. Leeds United expressed interest in signing him at the time, but he opted instead for Borussia Dortmund, whom he helped win the Bundesliga title last season.

His move to Dortmund was raised as a case in the recent Australian government inquiry into transfers. National team coach Eddie Thomson was cleared of any misconduct after advising Zelic on his move to Germany.

ENDSLEIGH EXTRAS

SEVERAL Endsleigh League clubs also have gone continental in their search for new stars. Here, briefly, is the pick of the bunch.

Sunderland are trying where rivals Newcastle failed, namely to sign giant goalkeeper **Brad Friedel**, who starred for the US at the recent Copa America, and was voted on to the Copa All-Star XI by most observers.

At 6ft 7in tall, current Australian national team goalkeeper **Zeljko Kalac** is definitely a big signing! The Sydney United keeper turned down Leeds United to sign an £800,000 deal with Leicester City.

German striker **Uwe Fuchs** played on loan at Middlesbrough last season before returning to his German club, Kaiserslautern. Millwall came in for him, taking him to the New Den for £650,000.

Derby paid £300,000 to buy Dutch striker **Ron Willems** from Switzerland's Grasshopper Zurich.

Finally, Third Division Wigan have pulled off a most remarkable treble transfer! They signed three young Spanish players: **Jesus Seba**, a Spanish Under-21 cap, from Real Zaragoza, **Roberto Martinez** and **Isidoro Diaz** from FC Balaguer. All three were out of contract with their clubs, and the deals were put together by Wigan chairman Dave Whelan, who has businesses in Spain.

GAVIN HAMILTON

FA PREMIERSHIP FOREIGN LEGION – 1995-96

ARSENAL: Glenn Helder & Dennis Bergkamp (Holland), John Jensen (Denmark).
ASTON VILLA: Mark Bosnich (Australia), Dwight Yorke (Trinidad & Tobago), Savo Milosevic (Yugoslavia).
BLACKBURN ROVERS: Frank Talia & Robbie Slater (Australia), Henning Berg (Norway).
BOLTON WANDERERS: Mixu Paatelainen (Finland), Gudni Bergsson (Iceland), Richard Sneekes & Fabian DeFreitas (Holland).
CHELSEA: Dmitri Kharine (Russia), Jakob Kjeldberg (Denmark), Erland Johnsen (Norway), Ruud Gullit (Holland).
COVENTRY CITY: Roy Wegerle (United States), Peter Ndlovu (Zimbabwe), Carlos Batista (Portugal), Isaias (Brazil).
EVERTON: Anders Limpar (Sweden), Daniel Amokachi (Nigeria), Jason Kearton (Australia), Andrei Kanchelskis (Russia).
LEEDS UNITED: Lucas Radebe & Philomen Masinga (South Africa), Tony Yeboah (Ghana).
LIVERPOOL: Michael Stensgaard (Denmark), Stig-Inge Bjornebye (Norway), Jan Molby (Denmark).
MANCHESTER UNITED: Peter Schmeichel (Denmark), Eric Cantona (France).
MANCHESTER CITY: Michel Vonk (Holland), Uwe Rosler (Germany), Georgi Kinkladze (Georgia).
MIDDLESBROUGH: Salif Bagayoke (France), Jaime Moreno (Bolivia), Jan Aage Fjortoft (Norway).
NEWCASTLE UNITED: Pavel Srnicek (Czech Republic), Marc Hottiger (Switzerland), Philippe Albert (Belgium), David Ginola (France).
NOTTINGHAM FOREST: Alf-Inge Haaland & Lars Bohinen (Norway), Anthony Carbone (Australia), Bryan Roy (Holland), Andrea Silenzi (Italy).
QPR: Sieb Dykstra (Holland).
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY: Klas Ingesson (Sweden), Dan Petrescu (Romania), Marc Degryse (Belgium).
SOUTHAMPTON: Bruce Grobbelaar (Zimbabwe), Ken Monkou (Holland).
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: Erik Thorstvedt (Norway), Rony Rosenthal (Israel), Illie Dumitrescu (Romania).
WEST HAM UNITED: Ian Feuer (United States), Ludek Miklosko (Czech Republic), Jeroen Boere & Marco Boogers (Holland), Marc Rieper (Denmark).
WIMBLEDON: Oyvind Leonhardsen (Norway), Hans Segers (Holland).

Just the ticket

How much does it cost to watch football in Europe? WORLD SOCCER decided to find out

IN England in recent seasons, largely due to the introduction of all-seater stadia, the price of watching football has soared.

WORLD SOCCER decided it was time to find out how much tickets cost across the Continent. We polled our correspondents throughout Europe – and here are our findings.

We've given all prices in pounds sterling. They have been converted using the exchange rates at press time. But rates can change quickly, so the prices are approximate.

It's also worth noting the differences in standards of living across Europe. Terrace tickets may be under £1 in the Czech Republic, but the average monthly wage there is 5500 crowns, around £137.50.

AUSTRIA

TERRACE tickets cost between £4.60 and £9.30. All charges are generally lower in the provincial grounds than in the capital, Vienna. Seats work out at between £6.60 and £14.60. Season tickets start at £126, going up to £162. Reduced admission is granted to schoolchildren, soldiers in uniform, students, the disabled and OAPs.

CZECH REPUBLIC/ SLOVAKIA

SPARTA PRAGUE'S entrance prices are way above all the other clubs in the Czech Republic. Tickets there cost 70p, £1.60 and £2,15. Elsewhere, tickets cost 60p and 75p. There are special rates for members. In the Slovak League, tickets cost 40p, 60p, 80p or £1,20.

Prices are sometimes raised massively for European games against top teams from Western Europe. When Aston Villa played in Bratislava two years ago, the four-fold price hike kept the gate around half the stadium capacity.

DENMARK

TERRACE tickets costs around £5, while seats cost around £8.50. Clubs do not sell season tickets.

ENGLAND

THE main problem in a rejuvenated English game, certainly in the FA Premiership, is one of supply and demand.

Since the Taylor Report and the advent of all-seater stadia, capacities have been reduced and yet there are more and more people wanting to watch football. This, along with a dramatic rise in players' wages, has inevitably led to a steady increase in ticket prices over the last few years.

Arsenal boasted recently that the arrival of manager Bruce Rioch and top players Dennis Bergkamp and David Platt boosted season ticket sales to around £8m. This, despite a £126 increase in top-price season tickets to £572 – and, remember, there are two fewer matches.

Tottenham fans who have seen the departure of Jurgen Klinsmann will be dismayed to learn that prices there have been jacked up, too. They offer the second most expensive season ticket at £550.

Champions Blackburn seem to give best value for money – the cheapest season ticket remains £235 and the most expensive match-day seat has risen just 50p to £17.50. You can't get anything below the £140 to see Wimbledon's home campaign in its entirity, although value for money is by no means guaranteed. The cheapest seats can be found at Manchester City and QPR (£8). On average, expect to pay between £213 and £345 for a season ticket, and between £11.50 and £20 for a single ticket.

FRANCE

PRICES vary considerably depending on the club, the opposition and quality of seat. Most clubs increase their prices for '*matches de gala*', usually the likes of Paris SG, Nantes, Lyon and Monaco.

The cheapest tickets next season are £4 – at Auxerre, Lens, Lille, Monaco and newly-promoted Guingamp – with the most expensive at Lille (£40) and Martigues (£47). Nearly all clubs have tickets on sale for beween £6 and £20. For *matches de gala*, prices are increased on average by a third.

Season tickets can cost anything from £53 (at Cannes and Nice) to £800 (at Martigues), although the average cost is £260.

In a recent survey of ticket services conducted by *France Football* magazine, Le Havre came out tops with a five-star rating, while Bordeaux, Lyon, Martigues, Nantes, PSG and Rennes were awarded four stars. Auxerre was the only club with one star.

GERMANY

TERRACE tickets under cover cost on average £6; uncovered are £5. Seats in the centre of the main stand are on average £18. In the wings under cover cost £14; uncovered cost £11.

Season ticket prices vary considerably depending upon on the type of stadia, taking into account facilities on offer. On average, tickets cost £238.

In all grounds the clubs offer generous reductions for the disabled, children and juniors, OAPs, students, families and the unemployed. During the season special supplements are charged for matches against top opposition. On the other hand, prices are sometimes reduced for games against lowly rivals.

GREECE

THERE are no terrace tickets, but average seat ticket prices for the 1995-96 season will be about £8.50. Student and youth tickets start at £1.50, while the most expensive seats may cost as much as £20. Season tickets will average about £100 in the First Division next season.

Because of the drop in attendances at matches in recent years – Panathinaikos dropped from 45,000 in 1985-86 to 12,440 last season – some clubs are considering lowering their prices.

HUNGARY

FIRST DIVISION clubs do not have sufficient demand to sell season tickets and operate three price ratios for match tickets: for seats, standing and senior citizens. The FA and clubs also operate a system of season passes for members of either body. Ferencvaros, the champions, have seats for anything between £1.25 and £1.50, standing for £1-£1.20 and pensioners get in for 75p-£1.

Tickets at other clubs in Budapest are generally cheaper, but some country clubs, notably Bekescaba, charge more than some in the capital.

Ticket prices have increased markedly in the last decade mainly because of the of the rise in inflation during and the move to a market economy, but also because the older generation regard playing standards as having dropped, while younger people have more varied leisure interests.

HOLLAND

HOLLAND may have quite a name around the soccer world, but it must be remembered that it is still a small country. And that is reflected in attendence figures and entry prices. Terrace prices range between £6 and £15; seats can be anything between £10 and £23; while season ticket prices vary from £500 to £730.

ITALY

ITALIAN clubs traditionally pay the highest transfer fees and wages in football, but if you do not mind standing, it is not an expensive country to watch football in. Terrace season tickets cost an average of £113 in the Serie A, ranging from £85 at Internazionale to £135 at Vicenza.

But, if you prefer to sit and watch, you will pay a lot more for your comfort. Reasonably priced seats are available, but these tend to be in the worst parts of the ground, often high up and with restricted views. Good grandstand (seated) season tickets average out at £740, ranging from just £320 at Atalanta to £1,245 at Juventus.

For the super rich, the best (seated) season tickets in the house average out at £1,118, from £430 at Napoli to a whopping £2,820 at Juventus, again. One wrinkle worth nothing with both Juventus and Torino: a season ticket only entitles you to 16 games at both clubs . . . the Turin derby is excluded.

Most of the Serie A clubs have kept prices at the same level as last season, while cash-strapped Napoli have decreased their tariff slightly. Many of the big clubs offer exceptional value for money, with Milan, for instance, offering a third-tier terrace season ticket at just £90, Inter the same for £5 less. Granted, the view may not be the best available, but for the chance to see Baggio, Weah, Savicevic *et al* at £5.30 a game, it seems good value.

That cannot be said of newly-promoted Udinese, who have, in some instances, increased their prices by 290 per cent! Of the other newcomers, Vicenza and Piacenza have made slight increases, while Atalanta have kept their prices the same as 1994-95.

Single match tickets range from around £12 to £80, with an average somewhere around the £24 mark. Tickets are, however, often difficult to obtain for single games at the bigger clubs because they already have such large numbers of season-ticket holders. Always check with the home club in advance if you are planning to travel to see one of the big guns.

POLAND

ADMISSION prices for the 1995-96 season range from 25p (for children under 15 years at Gornik Zabrze) to £5.35 at Legia Warsaw. Fans are not interested in season tickets. GKS Belchatow, for example, do not sell them at all. All 18 First Division grounds are of a poor standard. It was only recently that plastic seats were installed at most clubs, while 10 clubs have no covered stands at all. The typical ground holds about 15,000, although the average attendance last season was 2,000-5,000.

PORTUGAL

PRICES vary considerably depending on the teams and can cost anything between £13 and £88. Matches between the big three of Portugeuse soccer, Benfica, Sporting and FC Porto, draw the biggest crowds and hence the highest ticket prices. Seats for the Lisbon derby between Benfica and Sporting Lisbon cost between £22 and £110.

Season tickets are not big news in Portugal, and most club do not sell them. However, Benfica are planning to launch their own next season.

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

WHILE tickets for the national team's home games are expensive and difficult to obtain, there is no difficulty getting hold of tickets for the domestic league. The minimum admission price for FAI National League games goes up by £1 to £4 for the 1995-96 season. An extra £1 gets spectators a seat in the stand. However, many Dublin clubs were already charging £4, giving fans the choice of standing or sitting. Season ticket sales at all clubs are low and the average price is £70.

SCOTLAND

THE Scottish League recently implemented a recommended minimum adult admission price of £9. So fans face a general hike in the cost of watching the game. The one consolation is that they will be able to watch in a considerably higher level of comfort, with seven of the 10 Premier Division clubs now operating from all-seated, and largely all-covered stadia.

Not surprisingly, Rangers and Celtic have the highest range of prices. A prime seat at the new-look Celtic Park will cost £19, while Ibrox has a ceiling of £18. Aberdeen's prices range from £9 to £16, whereas Hibs, Motherwell and Kilmarnock, all of whom have built impressive new stands, have more realistic spans of £9 to £12.

The cheapest places to watch Premier Division football in Scotland are Falkirk, Partick Thistle and Raith Rovers, all of whom have areas of terracing remaining. Punters happy to stand in the rain will only have to pay £8 for the privilege.

SPAIN

SPANISH clubs have *carte blanche* to peg prices to the quality of the opposition, so price lists are a rarity. So are standing tickets – for between £4 and £5 – as more and more seating is being installed. Seat prices vary tremendously, with £10 and £55 being the top and bottom of the range. Ironically it is the smaller clubs, such as Compostela, who hit the £55 peak when Real Madrid and Barcelona cruise into town. For European matches seats usually cost between £40 and £60.

At Barcelona, seats cost between £30 and £60, while tickets for European games start at £45.

Season ticket rates are also difficult to quantify as Spanish clubs first collect your annual subscription as 'socio' (member) and then charge according to the quality of the seat you prefer. At most clubs the average works out at around £25 per game.

All First Division clubs have to set aside 10 per cent of tickets for sale a few days before a game. So Barcelona, despite their 105,000 season ticket holders, will still have 13,000 tickets on sale to the general public days before a big match.

SWITZERLAND

TERRACE tickets cost on average £7.50. Season tickets for standing accommodation vary between £75 at Lausanne and £115 at Grasshopper.

Seats on average cost £12.50 for cheaper categories, rising to £20. Season ticket prices vary enormously. Lausanne, for example, have 22 price variations because they offer reductions for club members, students, apprentices and youths aged between 12 and 16, while children up to 12 are admitted free. There are also special rates for women and families. Virtually every other club has similar schemes to attract customers. Prices vary from £125 to £450 at Grasshopper, to top charges such as £625 at Lugano and £1,000 at Servette.

TURKEY

PRICES vary from game to game, depending on their importance. For matches among the big four – Besiktas, Galatasaray, Fenerbahce and Trabzonspor – prices are much dearer. Leading clubs put tickets up for sale through agencies, advertised in the press.

For next season Fenerbahce have season tickets in numbered seats for £347. These cover 17 home games, including UEFA and FA Cup games. Tickets can also be bought from gates at stadia on the day. Numbered seats cost £14, while terrace tickets cost between £2.50 and £7.

Newcomers to the First Division, Istanbulspor, have significantly lower prices for their season tickets. Terrace tickets cost £14, seats are £56, while numbered seats are much higher – the three prices are £278, £417 and £550.

YUGOSLAVIA

TERRACE prices in Division A range from 90p to £2.70, while seats vary from £1.80 to £6.75. Season tickets at Red Star begin at £13.50, rising to £45, excluding domestic and European cup ties. European games at Red Star cost between £4.50 and £9.

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COMMENTARY

Snouts in the soccer trough

SO GEORGE GRAHAM has been heard, judged, found guilty and sentenced. One year out of the game. A ban extended worldwide by FIFA. But how may history may judge the disgraced ex-Arsenal boss?

In the aftermath of the Grand Inquisition a number of confused elements come to mind which the FA's hearing either did not consider or failed to answer.

Those elements concern:

1, Graham's personal responsibility

2, Rune Hauge and other agents' role within the game in general;

3, why this particular scam is old hat;

4, what mysteries remain buried in Scandinavia;

5, whether financial manipulation – bearing in mind the latest French revelations – has become endemic within the European game and at what level does big business become corruption?

First, Graham himself. That he received money from Norwegian agent Rune Hauge consequent upon Arsenal's purchases of Norwegian defender Pal Lydersen and Danish midfielder John 'Faxe' Jensen is not in doubt. Graham admitted it. Gave it all back to Arsenal. With interest. Arsenal sought legal advice and were informed that nothing criminal had been undertaken.

Now it is true that the FA's copious rulebook does not feature a clause which says: Thou shalt not buy players and heretofore receive monies from the agent in gestures of gratitude at helping feather his offshore nest. So, Graham was charged under a catch-all misconduct rule. He was guilty, in essence, of having been caught doing something unethical. Whatever Graham's protestations, that's how most Arsenal fans see it.

They had always accepted why Graham should have been exceptionally well-paid by the standards of the terrace masses. He was, after all, highly successful. But the fans believed that Graham was paid under the normal, everyday system of administration which governs every business. They did not expect that he would receive THEIR money – paid directly through the turnstiles and merchandising and indirectly through the advertising which supports TV's soccer investment – after being laundered through the transfer market, the Channel Islands and a Norwegian back door.

Football always has been awash with rumours of under-the-table cash and so-called 'black money'. Some managers and chief executives have written into their contracts the dubious clause permitting a percentage of a player sale profit. Others may have taken the money without bothering about the formality of a clause. In such a world, a world where twisted logic rules, perhaps Graham considered such 'gifts' – even such large ones – as par for the course. The done thing. After all, everyone else got them.

Perhaps, in any other season, it would have been accepted as such. Graham's personal disaster was that his case blew open in the most scandal-hit English season on record. As such, the book was always going to be thrown at him.

But can that same book be thrown at Hauge? After all, what has he done wrong? He is a football businessman. He makes his money trading footballers like so much horseflesh. Not particularly edifying, maybe, but Hauge would say he merely runs a job centre – working to the benefit of player and clubs. As such, he was one of the first batch of agents to be registered with FIFA.

Selling players is their business. And, if one accepts the concept, then does the manner matter? Should the manner be even open for criticism?

Hauge operated like any run-of-the-mill import-export business. Buy cheap, sell expensive and take the bit in the middle as profit.

To that extent Hauge gambled with his living. He could have agreed a percentage 'take' of any deal with the selling clubs, amounting to 10 or 15 per cent of the price. Instead, he took the profit option. If he couldn't sell the player for much more than basic value then he received next to nothing. If he sold the player at a vast profit then that was his business.

Literally. Nothing illegal. Certainly not in the capitalist world of big football business where the powers-that-be drive sponsorship and television prices up and up and up into the financial stratosphere.

What's wrong with the little guy doing the same?

It is not – point three – as if this is anything new. For the past 30 years Spanish, Italian and South American agents have done exactly this.

They guarantee an impoverished South American club a juicy fee for a certain player as long as they can be granted exclusive rights to find him a team in Europe.

The European club arranges the fee with the agent, the price driven up by the buying club's knowledge that this one agent is equally ready to sell the player to their most bitter rivals. It's an auction. And the agent walks away with the profit, less all the transatlantic expenses, less such basic costs as installing the player and his wife in a luxury hotel while the business is resolved.

The only difference with Hauge is that he found a niche for such an operation in northern, rather than southern, Europe. If he is to be punished then so should a whole string of far richer, far more experienced agents.

Now, the next grey area. Did Hauge act on his own? Was Graham the only 'fortunate' recipient of such financial grace-and-favour?

I ask out of suspicious curiosity.

Remember the way the scam worked? The selling club placed a certain price on a player's head and contracted with Hauge to sell at that price with Hauge creaming off anything beyond. Now, Hauge made enough profit on Lydersen and Jensen to give Graham around £400,000. Presumably, that still left Hauge's business well in profit. But who placed the original low valuations on the players? Surely, club officials and directors in Scandinavia take professional advice. They don't merely think up a figure, double it and divide by 10.

If Hauge himself provided the original valuation then the club managements stand guilty of naivety, at the very least. If another local someone provided the valuation then shouldn't they, too, expect to find a slice of the action – entirely unsolicited, of course – ending up in their bank account, along with one of Hauge's notes of thanks?

Are the tax authorities in Scandinavia checking as meticulously as their counterparts in the United Kingdom?

Finally, back at the start of these meanderings through the seamy side of soccer, I asked whether the latest revelations meant that financial manipulation is now to be considered

Bung, drawn and quartered . . . George Graham arrives at the FA hearing

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endemic within the European game?

Also, how does anyone judge the positioning of the vital dividing line between corruption and big business?

When does a football match stop being a morality play and turn into a simple exercise in commercial entertainment?

Here, we must look beyond the Graham case. To France and to Italy.

In France, all those ostriches who hoped that the door had been shut for ever on Bernard Tapie and his Marseille match-fixers have been shocked out of their hideaway complacency. In the course of further tax investigations, detailed depositions have been made by Jean-Pierre Bernes (who was Tapie's general-fixer-manager at Marseille) and by the agent, Ljubomir Barin, who was Marseille's 'advance guard' in international negotiations concerning friendly matches, transfers and any other business. (Barin had been sought for more than two years before he was arrested in Germany earlier this year).

The sum total of the revelations from Bernes and Barin was that the celebrated Valenciennes match in 1993 was far from being the only match Marseille fixed, either at home or abroad. In particular, Barin picked out Marseille's Champions Cup home tie against AEK Athens. Marseille won 2-0 but Barin alleged that the Greeks had been well paid to go easy.

Predictably, AEK's management and playing staff furiously denounced the claim. But they weren't the only targets. Another match 'fingered' by Barin was Marseille's 6-0 win over CSKA Moscow in the 1992-93 Champions League, along with other matches and international referees.

In Italy, simultaneously, Milan and Juventus were holed up in a corner discussing joint commercial ventures to cover televising rights, sponsorship and advertising. A few days later they signed up Real Madrid and Borussia Dortmund to their cosy little club. Next, they say, representatives from England and France will be on board. Which club from England? I'd guess Manchester United or Arsenal. As for France, we probably should look no further than Paris Saint-Germain.

If they're interested in making money, of course. Which is where we came in with the perfectly-lawful motivations driving the likes of George Graham and Rune Hauge.

I remember, a few years ago, Milan president Silvio Berlusconi telling me that national team football was on the way out and the future – in Europe, at least – belonged to the clubs. I didn't accept his forecast then but now I'm having second thoughts. If the European Court and the European Commission combine to smash foreigner restriction regulations then Europe's national teams will be in trouble and the rich clubs WILL inherit the earth.

Foreign agent . . . Norwegian businessman Rune Hauge

As *L'Equipe* observed recently: "Seen from Milan's business perspective, Tapie and Bernes were running a mere corner shop."

Money is power. But only when it's for the so-called 'good of the game'. Not when it's going into the bank accounts of George Graham and Rune Hauge.

That's the Establishment line, anyway.

To some extent, of course, this is an exercise in devil's advocacy. The watching world can accept managers, players, directors, even agents, making money out of the game in a proper, PAYE, environment. But other methods are dangerous. They give the wrong impression, offer a suspicious world the wrong signs.

Football has to be seen to be above board. The game, the clubs, the players . . . and the managers.

HAND OF THE DEVIL

THE Copa America provided incontrovertible proof of the football truism that everything evens itself out, given time. A long time, sometimes.

Like the nine years the Hand of God took to turn round and slap Argentina in the face. Tulio was the new Maradona, controlling the ball with an arm before stabbing home Brazil's all-important equaliser against the defending title-holders in their quarter-final.

The World Cup-holders, of course, went on to win on penalties. They also won the highly-colourful war of words which followed. Argentinian state President Carlos Menem described the incident as armed robbery – which I liked.

But the literary prize must go to columnist Verissimo in *Jornal do Brasil*. He wrote: "Tulio's was an illegal goal of top pedigree, of untouchable respectability. I would let Tulio's goal marry my sister."

A GIRL NAMED FIFA

MANY billions of words have been written about FIFA. But journalists may need to take greater care in future now that FIFA has evolved from being an inanimate adminstrative organisation into a two-month-old baby girl.

FIFA – or rather, Fifa, with only one capital letter – is the name Joanne Hill has bestowed on her new baby daughter. No accident, either. This is one football-mad family. If the baby had been a boy I understand it would have been named Trafford after the home ground of her favourite club.

Why Fifa? It all stemmed, apparently, from a row between Joanne and partner Jamie Clarke, who is a Leeds fan and didn't want a child of his named after their most bitter rivals. Joanne says: "It was when we were trying for a baby last year and the World Cup was on TV. The idea just came to me in a flash and I said let's call her Fifa. Jamie thought it was a brilliant idea.

"Fifa is definitely an original name and I don't think anyone anywhere will find another like it. But we have given her the second name Darion in case Fifa gets a bit much."

Joao Havelange, you have been warned! Darion-Haus doesn't have the same ring to it, somehow . . .

DIARY DATE

MAKE A note in your diary: December 9 has been declared World Day of Football by FIFA.

The world governing body wants all 191 member nations to take part, with a special role assigned to Norway, Morocco, Brazil, Trinidad and Tobago, the United States, Fiji, China, Uzbekistan, South Africa and France. These nations should feature in a string of consecutive games in a 20-hour marathon.

The remaining 181 footballing nations have been invited to play in a designated time frame to create a ribbon of football matches simultaneously around the globe. Sounds like a challenge for Dr Who.

PIE IN THE SKY

SKY Sports clearly enjoyed venturing out into the wider world game as represented by the Copa America.

But what a pity they wheeled out the same old 'experts' to criticise just as they would a domestic game. The football was treated a little bit like Norwich v Leicester. Much of the comment was crying out for someone to say: This is different football – played by men who grow up in a different sporting and physical environment and who organise their game in a different manner.

It's no use expecting them to provide the runs and patterns of your average Premiership footballer.

HISTORY LESSONS

HISTORY is bunk. Not only to Henry Ford.

Also to colleague Colin Jose, who has been delving into the legend that the United States team who reached the 1930 World Cup semi-finals was made up largely of emigrant ex-professionals from England and Scotland.

All lies, apparently.

Six of the team had been born in England or Scotland and all six were professional players by the time the 1930 finals came around. But . . .

– Andy Auld was born in Scotland in 1901, moved to the US in 1922 and played professionally with Providence of the American Soccer League and then Pawtucket Rangers;

– James Brown was born in Scotland in 1910, moved to the US in 1929 and first turned pro with New York Giants just three months before the trip to Uruguay. Only later did he play play five seasons in England, with Manchester United, Tottenham and Brentford;

– Jimmy Gallagher was born in Scotland in 1901, moved to the US when he was 12 and played as a pro only in the American Soccer League in the late 1920s and early 1930s;

– Bart McGhee was born in 1899 in Scotland, moved to the US while a teenager and played his football in Philadelphia (briefly) and mainly New York. Claims that he had played for Hull are erroneous: the Hull City player with a similar name in the 1920s was one John McGee;

– Alexander Wood was born in Scotland, moved to the US with his family in 1922 and was playing in Detroit in 1930. Only later did he play in England with Leicester City and Nottingham Forest;

– George Moorhouse, born in Liverpool in 1901, really DID play professionally in England before going to the US – but the sum total of his pre-World Cup experience was two games for Tranmere Rovers in 1921-22.

Time to rewrite history, surely?

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ITALY Shopaholics

Rumours of its death have been greatly exaggerated. The Italian transfer market is alive and well. We round up the summer's big moves

WHILE some of the big foreign names – Gullit, Bergkamp, Platt – have decided that the lire no longer lures them, there are many others who are more than willing to take their place.

INTERNAZIONALE went shopping at the Copa America. They picked Brazilian Roberto Carlos (from Palmeiras), and Argentinians Javier Zanetti (Banfield) and Sebastian Rambert (Independiente). They join Paul Ince (*pictured right*), Benito Carbone (Napoli) and Maurizio Ganz (Atalanta) in the blue and black.

Despite parting company with Baggio (*see page 16*), **JUVENTUS** have made some useful signings. Attilio Lombardo (who looks set to miss four months of season after breaking a leg), Pietro Vierchowod and Vladimir Jugovic joined from Sampdoria and Juan Pablo Sorin arrived from Argentinos Juniors. Gianluca Pessotto has crossed town from Torino, while Croat Robert Jarni has gone on loan to Betis in Spain and Jurgen Kohler has returned to Germany.

In addition to Baggio, **MILAN** made two crucial signings in George Weah (Paris SG) and Paulo Futre (Reggiana). They also off-loaded Giovanni Stroppa (Udinese) and Massimo Orlando (Fiorentina, on loan), while Daniele Massaro has moved to Japan.

Hristo Stoichkov's £4.6m move to **PARMA** was one of the summer's most hyped transfers. The UEFA Cup-winners also signed Fabio Cannavaro from Napoli.

Swedish striker Kennet Andersson turned his back on English interest to join **BARI**, while Turkish striker Hakan Sukur, one of the stars of the Euro '96 qualifiers, has signed for **TORINO**, who also have taken defender Luca Fusi on loan from Juventus.

SAMPDORIA have lost a host of stars but two new arrivals, Clarence Seedorf (Ajax) and Christian Karembeu (Nantes), look promising. Samp also have Balleri and Franceschetti (both from Padova).

Stefan Schwarz's European tour continues. The former Arsenal and Benfica midfielder has joined **FIORENTINA**, who sold Marcio Santos to Ajax.

LAZIO made no big signings but the proposed sale of Giuseppe Signori to Parma collapsed after fan protests. **AS ROMA**, meanwhile, have taken defender Sinisa Mihajlovic on loan from Sampdoria, to add to the signing of Luigi Di Biagio from Foggia.

Marko Perovic has been signed from Red Star Belgrade by **CREMONESE**, who also acquired Angelo Orlando from Inter.

CAGLIARI signed Dario Silva from Penarol in Uruguay as a replacement for the Paris-bound Julio Dely Valdes. But the biggest news in Sardinia was the arrival of new coach Giovanni Trapattoni, back in Italy after a year at Bayern Munich.

Of the new sides in Serie A, **ATALANTA** have signed former Milan and Parma striker Alessandro Melli. He joins Antonio Paganin (Inter) and Brazilian Alexandre (Bangu). **VICENZA** have brought in Igor Stimac (Hajduk Split), Joachim Bjorklund (IFK Gothenburg) and Maini (Roma); **UDINESE** signed Giovanni Bia (Inter) and Stoppa (Milan), while **PIACENZA** have signed Angelo Carbone (Fiorentina) and Mirko Conte (Inter).

● **NAPOLI** are alive and well and look set to start the season after a £5m share issue avoided bankrupcy. Argentinian defender Robero Ayala has joined from River Plate but Napoli have parted company with Fredy Rincon and Andre Cruz.

ITALIAN TRANSFERS
(Moves in italics)

ABEL Xavier	M	*Benfica*	*Bari*
ALEXANDRE Da Silva	M	Bangu (Bra)	Atalanta
Kennet ANDERSSON	F	Caen	Bari
Roberto Fabian AYALA	D	River Plate	Napoli
Roberto BAGGIO	F	Juventus	Milan
Dennis BERGKAMP	F	Internazionale	Arsenal
Giovanni BIA	M	Internazionale	Udinese
Emiliano BIGICA	F	Bari	Fiorentina
Joachim BJORKLUND	D	IFK Gothenburg	Vicenza
Jorge CADETE	F	Brescia	Sporting Lisbon
Fabio CANNAVARO	D	Napoli	Parma
Benito CARBONE	F	Napoli	Internazionale
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Standard Liege
Jean-Pierre CYPRIEN	D	[illegible]	Rennes
Julio DELY VALDES	F	[illegible]	Paris SG
Luigi DI BIAGIO	M	Foggia	AS Roma
Luca FUSI	*F*	*Juventus*	*Torino*
Paulo FUTRE	F	Reggiana	Milan
Maurizio GANZ	F	Atalanta	Internazionale
Paul GASCOIGNE	M	Lazio	Rangers
Guerino GOTTARDI	M	Neuchatel Xamax	Lazio
Ruud GULLIT	F	Sampdoria	Chelsea
HAKAN Sukur	F	Galatasaray	Torino
Paul INCE	M	Manchester Utd	Internazionale
Robert JARNI	*M*	*Juventus*	*Real Betis*
Wim JONK	M	Internazionale	PSV Eindhoven
Vladimir JUGOVIC	M	Sampdoria	Juventus
Christian KAREMBEU	M	Nantes	Sampdoria
Jurgen KOHLER	D	Juventus	Borussia Dortmund
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Danielle MASSARO	F	Milan	Shimizu S-Pulse
Allessandro MELLI	F	Parma	Atalanta
Sinisa MIHAJLOVIC	*M*	*Sampdoria*	*AS Roma*
Kazuyoshi MIURA	F	Genoa	Yomiuri Verdy
Sunday OLISEH	M	Reggiana	Koln
Angelo ORLANDO	M	Internazionale	Cremonese
Massimo ORLANDO	*M*	*Milan*	*Fiorentina*
Antonio PAGANIN	M	Internazionale	Atalanta
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Dario SILVA	F	Penarol	Cagliari
Juan Pablo SORIN	D	Argentinos Juniors	Juventus
Igor STIMAC	D	Hajduk Split	Vicenza
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George WEAH	F	Paris SG	Milan
Javier ZANETTI	D	Banfield (Arg)	Internazionale

MANAGERS ON THE MOVE

Giovanni TRAPATTONI	Bayern Munich	Cagliari
Alberto ZACCHERONI	Cosenza	Udinese

forward thinking

Paddy Agnew assesses Roberto Baggio's move to Milan and asks whether there will be room for the Pony-tailed Prince in Fabio Capello's star-studded squad

SO, who got the better of the Baggio deal, Juventus or Milan? In the wake of the Italian summer's most hyped transfer, that of Roberto Baggio from Juventus to Milan, the question needs to be asked.

Perhaps, for once, the clubs are telling the truth when suggesting that the deal will prove mutually satisfactory. On the one hand, Juventus are around £8.5m richer for the sale of a player who featured in only 17 of their 34 title-winning League games. On the other hand, Milan have acquired probably the most famous Italian player of the moment and one whose market potential for endorsements and sponsorships they will be only too capable of exploiting.

So both clubs clearly have reason to feel happy. Juventus, as we pointed out months ago, had a ready-made replacement for Baggio in the talented Alesssandro Del Piero.

Furthermore, they have had their way in imposing certain salary limits. Remember, the Turin club wanted to reduce Baggio's annual after-tax salary from £1.2m to £800,000. Baggio retorted by pointing out that the career of a professional footballer is a short one and, for that reason, he was more than willing to take the £1.3m offered by Milan.

Milan, too, made no bones about the importance of the commercial aspect of the deal, with acting president Adriano Galliani saying: "Baggio is an investment. From the point of view of his image, he will generate a lot of cash. Fifty per cent of our takings come from sources other than gate receipts and our sponsors were asking us to land a big name."

About the commercial aspect of the deal, there can be little argument. Milan will get their mileage out of the Little Prince of Italian soccer, at least off the pitch. But what about on the pitch?

Here, one suspects that Juventus have got decisively the better of the deal. At 28 years of age, Roberto Baggio has a fair few miles up on the clock, while his medical record shows that since 1982 he has had five knee operations, four of them on his right knee. Not for nothing, Milan have taken out a £4m insurance policy on the fragile Baggio knees.

Baggio has always seemed a somewhat incomplete champion. Even his greatest triumphs have question marks hanging over them. He was an inspirational scorer of five goals for Italy on their way to the 1994 World Cup Final. Yet he began and ended that tournament in mediocre fashion.

Last season, he won his first Italian 'scudetto' and yet, on the day that Juventus wrapped up the title when beating arch-rivals Parma 4-0, he looked the saddest man in Turin. Perhaps, his seeming sadness came from the knowledge that he was on his way from Juventus. Or perhaps it was the realisation that the triumph was only 'half' his, because he missed a full half of the season from November to March.

His greatest moments have been marred by injury. Remember how he finished the World Cup Final limping around like a shadow of his former self and then haplessly missing that final, decisive penalty kick in the shoot-out?

One can only wonder, too, where and how he will fit into the Milan scheme of things, remembering that the former European Champions also have to fit in Liberian George Weah, Montenegrin Dejan 'the Genius' Savicevic and Marco Simone.

Galliani told reporters that there would be no problem: "Speaking as a fan and without wanting to tell Fabio Capello [Milan coach] how to do his job, I would love to see Weah in the centre of attack with Savicevic on the right, Simone on the left and Baggio just behind the three of them."

Which sounds just fine and dandy but bears little or no resemblance to the cautious 4-4-2 module with which Capello has had so much success. His Milan sides rely on hard-working central midfielders (usually Demetrio Albertini and Frenchman Marcel Desailly), flanked by attacking midfielders who also cover back (usually Croat Zvonimir Boban, Stefano Eranio or Roberto Donadoni).

The idea of playing a four-man attack as outlined above by Galliani is about as alien to Capello as naked roller-skating around Milan's Piazza Duomo. For a long time, he hesitated over making space for Savicevic, whose overall workrate was often judged inadequate. One wonders how he views the difficulties of finding room for Baggio.

'A four-man attack is about as alien to Fabio Capello as naked roller-skating around Milan's Piazza Duomo'

One man who is not concerned by the Baggio arrival at Milan is Savicevic, who from his holiday home in Montenegro commented: "I've no problems with Baggio, he's one of my favourite players . . . it will be better to have Baggio as a team-mate than as an opponent. Mind you, the number 10 shirt is mine!"

For the time being, the number 10 shirt will remain with Savicevic because Baggio has indicated that he has no intention of causing unnecessary problems arguing about team shirts, personalised or otherwise.

It ought also be pointed out, however, that some of the most famous names in Italian soccer see no difficulty in finding a role for Baggio in the new-look Milan.

"Savicevic starts off on the right, while Baggio drifts in from the left, so I don't see how there could be any problem of co-existence between the two of them," commented Gianni Rivera, ex-Milan Golden Boy.

Rivera, however, did concede that the new Milan could have problems in defence, a point taken up by former international Giancarlo De Sisti: "In theory, Savicevic and Baggio are an impossible pairing but if you fit them into the context of a Milan side with a strong defence and a heavyweight midfield, then it could work out."

Swedish maestro Nils Liedholm is less cautious, commenting: "All over the world, there are players playing alongside one another who can't play, so I don't see the problem in putting these two together. With two players like Baggio and Savicevic at his shoulders, all Weah will have to do is knock the goals in."

Milan fans will hope that Liedholm is right. In the meantime, the *WORLD SOCCER* jury is out.

SPAIN

If this summer's close-season deals are anything to go by, traditional transfer methods are now completely redundant in the Spanish market

BY GRAHAM TURNER

Insider dealing

QUESTION: When is a transfer not really a transfer? Answer: When the player who is bought was never up for sale.

The broad-brush background to that apparent piece of nonsense begins with the observation that the Bosman case has had scant media coverage here, simply because the Spaniards are ahead of that particular field.

Players become free agents at the end of their contracts and move free of charge to another club. Recent events in Spain thus become something of a lesson for other countries who might be forced down the same street.

The clubs' reaction, of course, has been to offer extended contracts and to write a clause into each contract stipulating the compensation both they and the player are entitled to receive should the deal be terminated in midstream. This so-called rescindment clause has generated much of this summer's controversy.

Johan Cruyff set the ball rolling. The loss of Romario and Stoichkov made the signing of a striker a major priority for Barcelona, and Cruyff immediately went for Real Sociedad's Bosnian, Meho Kodro.

To make our point, we need to make an accurate plot of the sequence of events. Barcelona contacted Kodro, making something which, in other latitudes, would be described as an illegal approach to a player who was not only under contract, but had just extended it.

Only after having established the player's willingness to move did Barcelona contact Real Sociedad to tell them they had an unsettled player on their hands and – to add insult to injury – to ask Sociedad to reduce the £3.5m stipulated in the rescindment clause.

At this point, Deportivo coach John Toshack persuaded his president, Augusto Cesar Lendoiro, to contact Real and make clear that they *would* be prepared to put £3.5m on the table without any haggling.

When Barcelona reluctantly put up the full amount, Toshack smilingly said his bid had ensured that his former club would not be cheated. But the damage was done. Real Sociedad had lost Kodro, scorer of 25 of their 56 League goals. At no stage had they wanted to sell him.

Before Kodro left Anoeta, local photographers snapped him symbolically handing the No. 9 shirt to Joseba Etxeberria, the 17-year-old who had emerged as top scorer at the World Youth Cup in Qatar. Etxeberria started two games in the Real first team last season and went on as sub in eight more. His two goals were scored in the away game against Gijon.

His father promptly demanded improved terms: just under £1m for a six-year contract. Real argued that earnings should be pegged to achievement, but dad wanted a more urgent injection of cash into the family coffers. Off he went to San Mames, and told arch-enemies Athletic Bilbao that his boy was ready to sign.

Bilbao looked at the rescindment clause in Etxeberria's contract and paid £2.25m – for a youngster who will take his first driving lesson this month.

Real, once again, had lost a player they had no desire to sell. Short, medium and long-term planning had been disrupted and most of the cash had to be re-invested in untried foreigners. Joachim Yaw Acheampong's picturesque route to San Sebastian from Obuasi Goldfields in his native Ghana had taken him to Swedish club Norrkopping, who received £350,000. The Romanian League's top scorer, Gica Craoiveanu, came from Craiova (where else?) for £700,000, and Rapid Vienna were paid £650,000 plus the proceeds from two friendlies for 20-year-old striker Markus Purk.

He went down with food poisoning after his first meal in San Sebastian, and when he was asked about his second meal he replied "I would prefer not to bring that up".

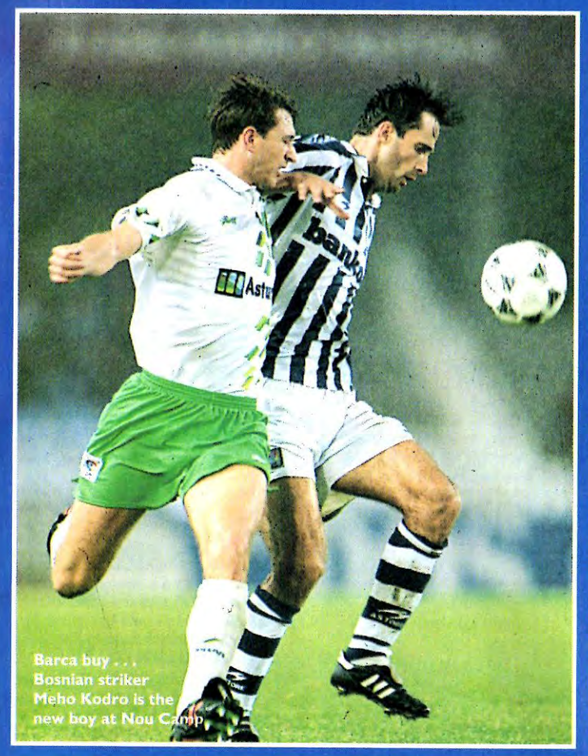
Seriously, the moral to be digested in other countries tempted to follow in Spanish footsteps is that transfers are no longer three-party affairs conducted by one player and two clubs. The player and the buying club can simply present the third party with a *fait accompli*.

Spain's close-season dealings could be used to corroborate UEFA's fears for the future, with the financially powerful clubs using the new system to plunder smaller clubs and exercise *droits de seigneur*.

Barcelona repeated their recruitment formula with Angel Cuellar of Betis, firstly firing the player's ambition with the promise of top-level football – and earnings – at a big club, and only then telling Betis that the £2.25m stipulated in the rescindment clause would be forthcoming.

Fortunately, Betis acquired Sanchez Jara and Oscar Arpon at knock-down prices, and relations between the two clubs are a good deal more cordial than those in the Basque country, where Real Sociedad have severed diplomatic relations with Athletic Bilbao.

On the move . . . Angel Cuellar is off to Barcelona; Juan Esnaider (right) is returning to Real Madrid



Barca buy . . . Bosnian striker Meho Kodro is the new boy at Nou Camp

Real Madrid similarly contacted Julen Guerrero's father, expressing their willingness to find the £6m stipulated in his son's contract. Only Julen's refusal to leave Bilbao scuppered another two-party transfer.

Real then succeeded in their bid for Juan Eduardo Esnaider, the Argentinian-born striker they sold to Zaragoza for £1.25m in 1993. They, again, made a preliminary approach to the player and, having established that he was keen to return to Bernabeu, paid the rescindment fee of £3m.

So, three days before the curtain went up on pre-season training, Victor Fernandez and his Cup-winners Cup holders found themselves short of a key player they had not wanted to sell.

Fortunately they had signed 19-year-old Fernando Morientes from Albacete as back-up, but at press time Zaragoza were scouring the market for an international-class striker.

At least the gazumpers have one enemy, and a highly traditional one at that – the taxman. The Etxeberria case could set precedents. Revenue authorities in the Basque country are well aware that, in using the rescindment clause, strictly speaking, the *player* deposits the cash to buy his own freedom.

When Exteberria produced the check-out cheque, the taxman was highly interested in the origin of the dosh. Bilbao, of course. In that case, said the taxman, Bilbao have made you a payment of 550 million pesetas on which you are required to pay 300 million (£1.5m) in tax. While the lawyers are still arguing, Bilbao have been forced to pay the VAT on the 'loan', which adds nearly half a million pounds to their outlay.

Another pseudo-transfer which raised hackles was that of Robert Prosinecki. Real Madrid, after loaning him for a year to Oviedo, were keen to offload him – or rather the £1.7m burden on the wage bill.

Coach Raddy Antic, having moved from Oviedo to Atletico Madrid, was keen to take 'Robby' with him, and Jesus Gil turned his forces of persuasion on his fellow president, Ramon Mendoza, urging him to authorise a free transfer.

Prosinecki eventually agreed to relinquish £200,000 of the £900,000 owed to him in back wages, promptly revealed that he had been "tapped" by Barcelona, and signed for Cruyff's new-look team.

Gil then realised he had been a pawn in a game conducted by the player and the Barcelona president, Josep Lluis Nunez. "The dwarf of the Ramblas" was the most polite term Gil found to describe Nunez, emphasising that it has been a long and hot-tempered summer in the transfer market.

On the move

SPANISH TRANSFERS *(Loan moves in italics)*			
Joachim ACHEAMPONG	D	IFK Norrkoping	Real Sociedad
Stipe ANDRIJASEVIC	M	Hajduk Split	Rayo Vallecano
Aitor BEGUIRISTAIN	F	Barcelona	La Coruna
Miguel Angel BENITEZ	F	Atletico Madrid	Espanyol
Leonardo BIAGGINI	M	Newell's Old Boys	Atletico Madrid
Emilio BUTRAGUENO	F	Real Madrid	J.League?
Ezequiel CASTILLO	M	Tenerife	Real Madrid
Fernando CORREA	F	River Plate (Uru)	Atletico Madrid
Gheorghe CRAIOVEANU	F	Universtitea Craiova	Real Sociedad
Angel CUELLAR	F	Real Betis	Barcelona
Juan ESNAIDER	F	Real Zaragoza	Real Madrid
Joseba ETXEBERRIA	F	Real Sociedad	Athletic Bilbao
EUSEBIO Sacristan	M	Barcelona	Celta Vigo
Ilshat FAIZULIN	F	CSKA Moscow	Racing Santander
Luis FIGO	F	Sporting Lisbon	Barcelona
Robert JARNI	M	Juventus	Real Betis
Slavisa JOKANOVIC	M	Real Oviedo	Tenerife
Meho KODRO	F	Real Sociedad	Barcelona
Ronald KOEMAN	D	Barcelona	Feyenoord
Rafael MARTIN VAZQUEZ	M	Real Madrid	La Coruna
Branko MILOVANOVIC	M	OFK Belgrade	La Coruna
Fernando MORIENTES	F	Albacete	Real Zaragoza
Tarik OULIDA	F	Ajax	Sevilla
Vladan PAUNOVIC	M	Partizan Belgrade	Atletico Madrid
PEIXE	M	Sporting Lisbon	Sevilla
Luboslav PENEV	M	Valencia	Atletico Madrid
Gica POPESCU	D	Tottenham	Barcelona
Robert PROSINECKI	M	Real Oviedo	Barcelona
Markus PURK	F	Rapid Wien	Real Sociedad
Dimiti RADCHENKO	F	Racing Santander	La Coruna
Oleg SALENKO	F	Valencia	Rangers
Miguel SOLER	M	Sevilla	Real Madrid
Hristo STOICHKOV	F	Barcelona	Parma
Ismael URZAIZ	D	Compostela	Espanyol
Paulo Da Rosa VIOLA	F	Corinthians	Valencia
Rashidi YEKINI	F	Vitoria Setubal	Sporting Gijon
MANAGERS			
Radomir ANTIC		Real Oviedo	Atletico Madrid
Luis ARAGONES		Sevilla	Valencia
Alfio BASILE		Atletico Madrid	*out of contract*
Jupp HEYNCKES		Eintracht Frankfurt	Tenerife
Carlos PARREIRA		Valencia	Fenerbahce
PAQUITO		Rayo Vallecano	*out of contract*
Dragoslav STEPANOVIC		Bayer Leverkusen	Athletic Bilbao
TONI		Bordeaux	Sevilla
John TOSHACK		*out of contract*	La Coruna
Fernando VAZQUEZ		CD Lugo	Compostela
Jose Maria ZABALZA		Osasuna	Rayo Vallecano

Pitch battles

NATIONAL team manager Javier Clemente has long been urging the federation to end its long love affair with Seville, whose two grounds have been the scenario for Spain's crucial fixtures throughout recent history.

Clemente was even less gruntled when the crowd in the Benito Billamarin stadium jeered him during the second half of the game against Armenia for refusing to bring local hero Angel Cuellar off the bench.

Spain will now kick off the new season by playing their Euro '96 fixture against Cyprus in Granada's Los Carmenes stadium, capacity 24,000.

Not many national sides grace the pitch used by a team who finished 13th in Group IV of Division 2B!

Number crunchers

SQUAD numbers and names on shirts are to be phased in during the new season, but both Real Madrid and Zaragoza are more concerned about phasing in their teams.

Real open on 3 September in Bilbao, then are at home to Sevilla, go to Vallecas for the local derby against Rayo and, on the weekend before their second UEFA Champions League fixture, take on Barcelona at Bernabeu.

As a curtain-raiser for all that, they take on John Toshack's Deportivo over two legs in the Supercopa, on August 24 and 27, before applying a litmus test to their European aspirations against Ajax in the Trofeo Bernabeu on August 30.

Zaragoza, unbalanced by Esnaider's move, start with Deportivo (a), Bilbao (h), Sevilla (a), Rayo (h), Real Madrid (a) and Barcelona (h).

Chicken-feed . . .

Barca boo boys

JOHAN CRUYFF was heckled by a 40,000 crowd when he presented his Barcelona squad for the new season.

Clearly unhappy at the recent sale of the Bulgarian Stoichkov to Parma, they regaled Cruyff with the chant "Hristo yes, Johan no!" It could be a long season at Nou Camp.

the late late show

Borussia Dortmund captured their first Bundesliga crown in dramatic style on the last day of last season. Arthur Rotmil profiles Ottmar Hitzfeld's title-winning side

BAYERN MUNICH may be Germany's biggest and most successful club. But they are not the most popular. That accolade goes to Borussia Dortmund, who can claim the most loyal following in the country.

Last season the new champions sold a Bundesliga record 28,500 season tickets – more than twice as many as Bayern (12,000), while their average gate was almost equal to the 42,800 capacity of their splendid Westfalenstadion.

Since the club need only 35,000 per league game to break even and have enjoyed two highly lucrative seasons in the UEFA Cup, they have no debts and are rolling in money.

The Dortmunder were able to finance the return from Italy of several top class players. In fact, with Stefan Reuter, Matthias Sammer, Karlheinz Riedle, Andy Moller and the Brazilian Julio Cesar, half the first team is composed of ex-Italian 'legionaires', whose successful integration helped the side in the past four years to always finish among the top four in the Bundesliga. This remarkable consistency has also contributed to the enthusiastic support of the fans in this city of goal, steel and beer. Situated close to the industrial Ruhr, the Dortmunder benefit from a large catchment area for football fanatics.

That Borussia deservedly won the 1994-95 title there can be no doubt. In 25 of the 34 rounds they led the table. They had to wait 32 years for the championship crown, their first in the Bundesliga; six years had passed since their last trophy was paraded through the streets, the DFB Cup.

No wonder that in the hour of triumph they all cried, including the usually cool and composed team manager Ottmar Hitzfeld. Team captain Michael Zorc, 17 years at the club, summed up the feelings of everyone: "There was so much work involved, we deserved the title."

Yet, once again the yellow-and-blacks trembled until the final day. They remembered how close they had been to the target in recent years, never more so than in 1992. On the last day of that season, Dortmund, Eintracht Frankfurt and VfB Stuttgart were level on points and all played away. Frankfurt lost at Hansa Rostock, while the Dortmunder defeated MSV Duisburg 1-0 and thought they had won the title.

Then news came through that Stuttgart's captain, World Cup star Guido Buchwald, had hit the 2-1 winner against Leverkusen four minutes from the end of the season to clinch the title on goal difference.

This time around it all fell neatly into place in the final round, Dortmund beating Hamburg 2-0, while leaders Werder Bremen crashed 3-1 at Bayern Munich.

But it wasn't all plain sailing. A deep crisis settled over Dortmund when their three strikers, Karlheinz Riedle, the Swiss Stephane Chapuisat and the Dane Flemming Povlsen, were all put out of action by torn cruciate ligaments.

"I was forced to use for weeks youngsters like Ibrahim Tanko [aged 17] and Lars Ricken [18] in attack. The title triumph was a minor miracle," said a delighted Hitzfeld, who has always enjoyed the full support of the board. "I have won titles in Switzerland, but this is my first in Germany. The enthusiasm here is just unbelievable."

Borussia Dortmund were founded on December 19, 1909, six years after the first German championship was decided. For decades German football was organised on a regional basis. At the end of every season the winners and runners-up of the major regional leagues were drawn into two groups, whose winners contested the grand Germany final for the championship.

Borussia first became champions as late as 1956, defended the title successfully in 1957 and repeated their triumph in 1963, as the last club under the old formula. In that year the Bundesliga was launched. So their present title is the first in the fully professional federal national league.

They won the DFB-Cup in 1965 and 1989 and the German Supercup, also in 1989. In 1966 they became the first German club to win a European trophy, the Cup-winners Cup, beating West Ham in the semi-final and Liverpool in the final.

Borussia began the 1994-95 season strongly. The quarrels among some players, provoked by envy of the lifestyles of the five ex-Italian mercenaries, who made a pile of money abroad, were at last stifled by the management, who weeded out the trouble-makers. Everybody started pulling in the same direction.

In the autumn the Dortmunder took over at the top and kept their lead at the winter break. Their 'half-time' record of 28 points from 17 matches had only been bettered once before – by 1860 Munich in the 1965-66 season. The vital factor was the top form of their experienced players, notably sweeper Mathias Sammer, rated the top professional in the Bundesliga and praised by Hitzfeld as "the Beckenbauer of the 1990s".

Borussia survived the injury crisis in the closing stages and triumphed deservedly. Now they are preparing for their first venture in the Champions League. They will rely on the tried and trusted squad strengthened by the acquisition of international stopper Jurgen Kohler from Juventus, the talented Czech midfielder Patrik Berger from Slavia Prague and the promising striker Carsten Wolters from Second Division Wattenscheid.

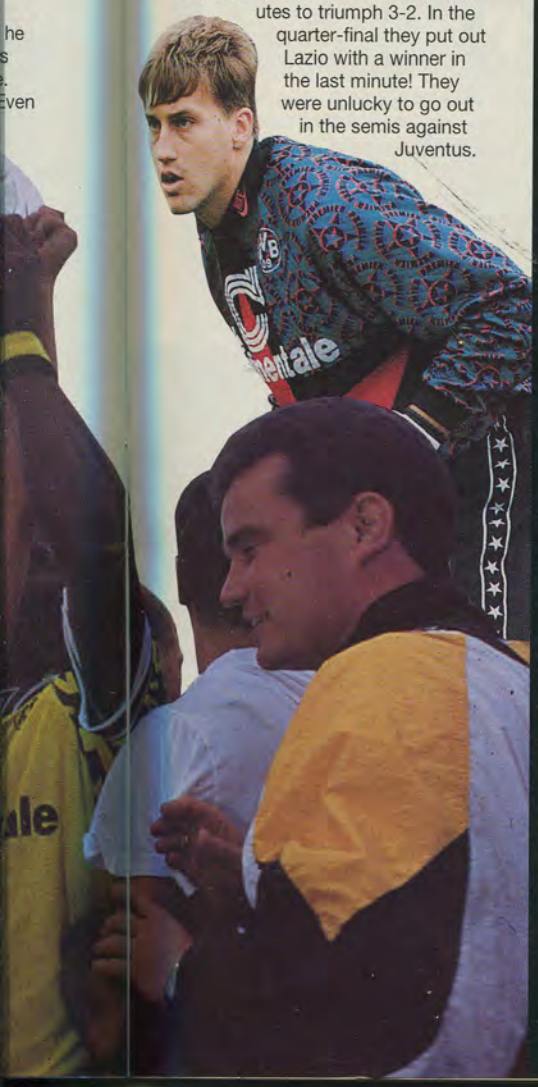
The row with Monchengladbach over the signing of 'rebel' striker Heiko Herrlich was still unresolved. Dortmund were hoping to acquire him before the August deadline, so he would be eligible for the Champions League. Even

Lift off! . . . Andi Moller with the Bundesliga trophy; above right: keeper Stefan Klos

show

BORUSSIA DORTMUND
Founded December 19, 1909
Stadium Westfalenstadion (capacity 42,800)
Colours Yellow and black shirts, black shorts, yellow socks
President Gerd Niebaum
Honours 3 German titles (1956, 1957, 1963); 1 Bundesliga title (1995); 2 German Cups (1965, 1989); 1 German Supercup (1989); 1 European cup-winners Cup (1966)

so, if Borussia recapture the form they displayed last season in the UEFA Cup, then their European rivals better watch out. In extra time against Spain's Deportivo La Coruna they looked doomed at 2-1 on aggregate, but scored twice in the last four minutes to triumph 3-2. In the quarter-final they put out Lazio with a winner in the last minute! They were unlucky to go out in the semis against Juventus.



THE COACH
Ottmar HITZFELD (12.1.49)
Played his football with mixed success in Germany and Switzerland with TuS Stetten, FV Lorrach, Basel, VfB Stuttgart, Lugano and Luzern. Gained eight caps for the German amateur national side in 1972. Scored his first

King Otto . . . coach Hitzfeld

big managerial successes in Switzerland with SC Zug (1983-84); FC Aarau (1984-88); Grasshopper (1988-91). Returned to Germany to take over Dortmund in July 1991. A master tactician and a firm believer in pressing, which Borussia practice like no other German team. Can handle even the most difficult players.

Goalkeepers
Stefan KLOS (16.8.71)
With amateur club TuS Eving-Lindenhorst, then Eintracht Dortmund, joining Borussia in 1988. Rated one the top five keepers in the country.
Wolfgang DE BEER (2.1.64)
Joined Dortmund nine years ago. Solid and dependable, with 173 Bundesliga games.

Defenders
JULIO Silva CESAR (8.3.63)
A classy sweeper-cum-stopper with over 60 caps for Brazil. At 6ft 3in the tallest member of the squad. Has played in Brazil (Guarani), France (Stade Brest, Montpellier), and Italy (Juventus).
Martin KREE (27.1.65)
Served a lowly amateur club, TuS Wickede, before being snapped up by Bochum and then Bayer Leverkusen. With Dortmund since 1994.
Jurgen KOHLER (6.10.65)
A superb tackler and one of the best stoppers in Europe. Made his name with Waldhof Mannheim and Koln, who sold him to Bayern Munich for £1m in 1989. After winning the World Cup in 1990, transferred to Juventus for £5m. Returned from Italy for a 'bargain' £1.6m. Boasts 74 caps.
Marco KURZ (16.5.69)
Not a regular first teamer, although has made 113 Bundesliga appearances.
Gunter KUTOWSKI (2.8.65)
Has spent 11 years with Dortmund, but after 285 Bundesliga games lost his first team place last year.
Bodo SCHMIDT (3.9.67)
Moved to Dortmund in 1991, having previously served four other clubs, including Bayern Munich.

New boy in Dortmund . . . Jurgen Kohler

Midfielders
Marc ARNOLD (19.9.70)
Joined the club last year. Only nine Bundesliga games to his credit.
Steffen FREUND (19.1.70)
Originally from East Germany, where he played for Motor Sud Brandenburg and Stahl Brandenburg, before signing for Schalke. Joined Borussia two years ago and made the breakthrough to the national side last season. Five caps.
Andreas MOLLER (2.9.67)
In his second spell with Dortmund, after time with Eintracht Frankfurt and Juventus. The club and national team schemer; on his day a technically brilliant footballer. 52 caps.
Patrik BERGER (10.11.73)
Signed this summer from Slavia Prague for £780,000, initially as a contracted amateur. Seven goals in 13 internationals for the Czech Republic
Knut REINHARDT (27.4.68)
Four years with Borussia, who he joined from Bayern Leverkusen. A reliable all-rounder with seven caps.
Stefan REUTER (16.10.66)
A World Cup winner and former Italian 'exile' – he spent a season with Juventus (1991-92), before signing for Borussia. Previous clubs: TSV Dinkelsbuhl, Nurnberg, and Bayern Munich.
Lars RICKEN (10.7.76)
Played for TuS Eving-Lindenhorst and Eintracht Dortmund before joining Borussia in 1991. Regarded as the biggest talent on the club's books.
Matthias SAMMER (5.9.67)
A former East German international who played there for three clubs before crossing the divide to VfB Stuttgart. Arrived in Dortmund in 1992 after a brief spell at Inter Milan. Recently voted 'the most complete professional' in the Bundesliga. Equally effective in midfield or as sweeper.
Rene TRETSCHOK (23.12.68)
Another 'easterner' who played for Chemie Wolfen and Hallescher FC, before his first spell in Dortmund. After a period in Berlin with Tennis Borussia returned to Dortmund last year.
Michael ZORC (25.8.62)
Captain of the side and longest serving pro (since 1978), another product of TuS Eving-Lindenhorst. A full international lately out of favour.

Forwards
Stephane CHAPUISAT (28.6.69)
A Swiss international who graduated through three clubs before chancing his luck in Germany with Bayer Uerdingen. Four years with Borussia, for whom he has scored many decisive goals. The only world-class Swiss player in German football, but recently plagued by injuries.
Karlheinz RIEDLE (16.9.65)
Played for four lowly clubs before joining Werder Bremen. A World Cup winner who went to Lazio after Italia '90 for a then German record £5.5m. Signed for Borussia in 1993, but injuries have hampered his progress at national and international level.
Carsten WOLTERS (25.7.69)
Hired in the off-season as replacement for Flemming Povlsen, whose career was ended through injury. Started out with modest SV Erle 08, then spent five years with SG Wattenscheid and was the club's joint top scorer in the Second Division last season.

HOW THEY LINE UP

Germany

Finishing with a flourish

THE GERMAN national team finished the season on a high by winning a prestigious tournament in Switzerland.

The tournament, organised to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Swiss FA, provided Germany with the trophy thanks to a 2-0 win over Italy and a 2-1 success against the host nation.

The Germans, who have lost ground in their European Championship qualifying group, can now look with confidence to the remaining matches (three home and one away – against bottom-placed Wales). Should they, as seems likely, finish second to Bulgaria, they ought to have collected enough points not to have to worry about the records of the rival runners-up in the other groups.

The success in Switzerland was remarkable for team manager Berti Vogts has had to replace six notable absentees: Jurgen Klinsmann (on holiday), Heiko Herrlich (engaged in the Cup Final), plus Mario Basler, Jurgen Kohler, Dieter Eilts and Lothar Matthaus (all injured).

Nonetheless the depleted Germans dominated both the classy Italians and the ambitious Swiss, so that the boss could look back on a highly satisfying excursion. It appears that the nucleus of the rebuilt side is now formed by goalkeeper Andy Kopke, Matthias Sammer and Thomas Helmer as defensive pillars, the suprisingly revitalised schemer Thomas Hassler and Klinsmann up front.

A number of young players like Babbel, Freund, Herrlich, Ziege, Heinrich, Todt, Weber and Basler, can also strengthen the team more than adequately. Furthermore, there are some long-established stars like Kohler, Moller, Strunz and Riedle waiting for a recall.

Problems concern the position of libero and the second striker to partner Klinsmann. In the absence of Matthaus, Sammer and Helmer have alternated in the role of the free man at the back. Up front the competition for places has never been fiercer. Heiko Herrlich, the new star, who is now in dispute with his club Borussia Monchengladbach, the veteran Kuntz, Kirsten and Bobic are all in contention.

Since the New Year the Germans have lost only once – to their bogey team Bulgaria, 3-2 in Sofia, but paradoxically the latest setback was their best performance under Berti Vogts since the 4-1 win over Wales in October 1991. "We've lost the points, but won prestige," proclaimed the media.

The team gave away a 2-0 lead through two, albeit undisputed, penalties and were unlucky to lose. But Vogts was not despondent: "We played the best football in many years. Unfortunately we were punished for some silly mistakes. But now we know that Klinsmann is a figurehead, Hassler once again the supreme general and Helmer a real pillar in defence. Sammer and Kopke have also impressed me."

The internationals, in the third week in June, meant that numerous top players have only had a short holiday before reporting back for training for the new season. Several clubs took part in the UEFA Intertoto Cup using full strength teams. Many began their preparations in neighbouring countries.

Sadly the season got under way without the greatest German footballer of his generation, Lothar Matthaus. The 34-year-old captain of the national team is facing a possible end to his illustrious career.

He has undergone another operation, this time to remove a cyst on the achilles tendon he reputred in January. Following a brilliant first half of the season, when he was rated Bayern Munich's outstanding player, the midfielder-cum-sweeper missed the entire spring programme.

"This is the biggest setback I've suffered since a torn cruciate ligament put me out of the European Championship finals in 1992," he lamented. This latest lay-off is a severe blow to Bayern, as well as the national side.

The close season saw some interesting transfers. Firstly 74-times capped stopper Jurgen Kohler, 29, moved from Juventus to champions Borussia Dortmund for a relatively modest £1.7m. "It has always been my dream to play for Dortmund," disclosed the last German international to leave the Italian Serie A. He rejoined his former Juventus team-mates Stefan Reuter, Andy Moller, and Julio Cesar.

The Dortmunder were involved in a protracted tug-of-war with Borussia Monchengladbach over the brilliant new international striker Heiko Herrlich. He even took Gladbach to court, but failed to obtain his release at the first hearing.

Eintracht Frankfurt recalled the international midfielder Maurizio Gaudino from his loan spell at Manchester City, while Koln engaged the Nigerian Sunday Oliseh from Italy's Reggiana. To date the Bundesliga has turned over £70m on transfers.

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Main men . . . Klinsmann and (below left) Hassler are the nucleus of Berti Vogts' rebult national side

Injury doubts . . . Matthaus may have played his last match

Switzerland

Hodgson loses Midas touch

THE Englishman Roy Hodgson, no so long ago acclaimed in Switzerland as 'the greatest national team coach', appears to have lost his magic touch.

The man who took the Swiss to their first World Cup finals for 28 years has upset the media, with whom he never had an easy relationship, and the fans with some inexplicable team selections which contributed to the worst run during his reign.

So far this year the Swiss have failed to win any of their five matches, losing the last three. In the European Championship qualifying group, which they led after a storming start, they have been overtaken by outsiders Turkey.

The seeds of discontent were first sown at the beginning of May, when the overconfident Swiss crashed at home to the underrated Turks by 2-1.

It's true that they missed injured strikers Chapuisat, Knupt, Subiat, Yakin and Turkyilmaz, but this alone doesn't explain fully their first home defeat since April 1992.

The match demonstrated that Hodgson's tactics no longer bring results. Many claim that this side has passed its peak, the average age having risen to 29.

Hodgson was criticised because he picked players without match practice (Bickel, Sutter) and others who lacked ideas, especially in attack.

It may have had something to do with the unsettling offer he received from Italy's promoted Udinese. Hodgson wanted to combine the job with running the Swiss national side, but the FA rejected the proposal. The media reacted by launching a public discussion about his successor.

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Reading home . . . Maurizio Gaudino is on his way back to Eintracht Frankfurt

Austria

Renaissance men

FOR the first time in years Austrian football is celebrating an amazing renaissance of the national team.

Written off by experts and derided by the critical fans after two defeats in the first three ties of their European Championship group, they bounced back remarkably and after six games are in contention for a place in the Euro'96 finals.

Three victories on the trot over Latvia, Liechtenstein and the Republic of Ireland, with a goal tally of 15-1, have propelled the Austrians rapidly up the table. A win in Latvia in their next match will take them into second place behind Portugal, but ahead of the Irish.

The hero of the 3-1 triumph in Dublin was veteran striker Tony Polster, 31, the only 'foreign legionaire' in the side; he plays for Germany's Koln. He shocked the capacity 46,000 crowd by scoring twice and is now chasing the legendary Hans Krankl 's record as Austria's top marksman.

The team never missed the other German 'mercenary', playmaker Andi Herzog, who preferred to help his club Werder Bremen in the Bundesliga final run-in. He told national team manager Herbert Prohaska: "I want to play for Werder because I owe the club a lot."

But the national boss reacted furiously: "If Herzog won't turn out in Dublin, then he will never be picked again as long as I am the manager." That sentiment was echoed by FA president Beppo Mauthart. Herzog's friend Polster expressed regret: "Andi was wrong to make the decision by himself. He should have let Werder and the FA sort it out."

It would indeed be ironic if Austria were, after all, to qualify for the finals in England without their best player.

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Dublin hero . . . veteran striker Tony Polster

On the move

BULGARIANS will be flavour of the month when the Bundesliga kicks off on August 12. Four of Bulgaria's 1994 World Cup squad have moved to Germany during the summer, with striker Krasimir Balakov leading the way. He signed for VfB Stuttgart, while three Levski Sofia players also headed west. Daniel Borimirov joined 1860 Munich, Tsanko Tzvetanov moved to Waldhof Mannheim of the Bundesliga 2, and Zlatko Yankov joined Bayer Uerdigen. One Bulgarian, however, could be leaving Germany. SV Hamburg's Yordan Letchkov has failed to agree terms and is keen to move.

The South American flavour in the Bundesliga will be heightened by three Brazilians and an Argentinian import. Bayer Leverkusen have taken Ramon Hubner and Rodrigo Chagas from Vitoria Bahia, Werder Bremen signed international midfielder Junior Baiano from Sao Paulo, and Koln signed Christian Dollberg from Lanus of Argentina.

Other moves of note include Nigerian midfielder Sunday Oliseh's move from relegated Reggiana of Italy to Koln; Czech striker Patrik Berger's transfer from Slavia Prague to champions Borussia Dortmund; Karlsruhe's purchase of South African striker Shane Dundee from Third Division TSF Ditzingen, and Russian forward Igor Shalimov's loan move from Internazionale to MSV Duisburg. In all, players from 11 countries have joined the Bundesliga this summer, including three Dutchmen.

GERMAN TRANSFERS

(Loan moves in italics)

Junior BAIANO	M	Sao Paulo	Werder Bremen
Krasimir BALAKOV	F	Sporting Lisbon	VfB Stuttgart
Patrik BERGER	F	Slavia Prague	Borussia Dortmund
Daniel BORIMIROV	D	Levski Sofia	1860 Munich
Rodolfo CARDOSO	F	SC Freiburg	Werder Bremen
Christian DOLLBERG	D	Lanus (Arg)	Koln
Shane DUNDEE	F	TSF Ditzingen	Karlsruhe
Carlos DUNGA	M	VfB Stuttgart	Jubilo Iwata
Johnny EKSTROM	F	Dynamo Dresden	Eintracht Frankfurt
Jan ERIKSSON	D	Kaiserslautern	Servette
Markus FELDHOFF	F	Bayer Uerdigen	Bayer Leverkusen
Uwe FUCHS	F	Kaiserslautern	Millwall
Maurizio GAUDINO	M	Manchester City	Eintracht Frankfurt
Sergei GORLUKOVICH	D	Bayer Uerdigen	Spartak Vladikavkaz
Marco HABER	M	Kaiserslautern	VfB Sttuugart
Horst HELDT	M	Koln	1860 Munich
Stephane HENCHOZ	D	Neuchatel Xamax	Hamburg
Andreas HERZOG	F	Werder Bremen	Bayern Munich
Ramon HUBNER	M	Vitoria Bahia (Bra)	Bayer Leverkusen
Max HUIBERTS	F	Roda JC Kerkrade	Borussia MG
Jurgen KLINSMANN	F	Tottenham	Bayern Munich
Jurgen KOHLER	D	Juventus	Borussia Dortmund
Kujtim SHALA	M	Chemnitz	Fortuna Dusseldorf
Stefan KUNTZ	M*	Kaiserslautern	Besiktas
Erik MEIJER	F	PSV Eindhoven	Bayer Uerdingen
Dorinel MUNTEANU	M	Cercle Bruges	Koln
Sunday OLISEH	M	Reggiana	Koln
Darko PANCEV	F	Internazionale	Fortuna Dusseldorf
Tore PEDERSEN	D	Brann Bergen	St Pauli
RODRIGO Chagas	M	Vitoria Bahia (Bra)	Bayer Leverkusen
Heiko SCHOLZ	M	Bayer Leverkusen	Werder Bremen
Markus SCHUPP	M	Bayern Munich	Eintracht Frankfurt
Ciriaco SFORZA	F	Kaiserslautern	Bayern Munich
Igor SHALIMOV	*F*	*Internazionale*	*MSV Duisburg*
Michael STERNKOPF	M	Bayern Munich	Borussia MG
Thomas STRUNZ	M	VfB Stuttgart	Bayern Munich
Alain SUTTER*	F	Bayern Munich	FK Austria
Stig TOFTING	M	Hamburg	AGF Aarhus
Tsanko TZVETANOV	D	Levski Sofia	Waldhof Mannheim
Frank VERLAAT	F	Auxerre	VfB Stuttgart
Uwe WEIDMANN	M	MSV Duisburg	Schalke
Zlatko YANKOV	M	Levski Sofia	Bayer Uerdingen

** = to be confirmed*

MANAGERS ON THE MOVE

Aad DE MOS	*out of contract*	Werder Bremen
Rolf FRINGER	Aarau	VfB Stuttgart
Jupp HEYNCKES	Eintracht Frankfurt	Tenerife
Otto REHHAGEL	Werder Bremen	Bayern Munich
Dragoslav STEPANOVIC	Bayer Leverkusen	Athletic Bilbao
Giovanni TRAPATTONI	Bayern Munich	Cagliari

France

Loko goes off the rails

LOKO by name and Loko by nature, it appears.

Perhaps it was the culture shock of moving from provincial Nantes to big, bustling, always fashionable Paris which induced Patrice Loko's extraordinary behaviour, just days before he was due to lead the French attack in that goalless draw with Norway.

It seemed a coup indeed when Paris Saint-Germain, having traumatically lost George Weah to Milan and David Ginola to Newcastle, snapped up Loko, after his dazzling, prolific season with Nantes. A coup which at once strengthened Paris SG and weakened the champions, who had also lost that powerful defender, Christian Karembeu, to Sampdoria.

But maybe Nantes knew what they were doing after all when they sold Loko. For on that disenchanted evening, the lad went wild. The 25-year-old striker was, it is said, arrested for drunkenness in the small hours of the morning as he left an elegant nightclub in the Etoile region. He was apparently yelling at passing cars.

His next and somewhat graver alleged offence was to expose himself to a female police inspector. The police, somewhat tolerantly, escorted him to a hospital, where it was found that there was nothing – at least clinically – wrong with him. He was discharged, but seemed immediately to fall ill.

The coppers now took him to another hospital, where one version of the facts accuses him of assaulting the personnel, though this hasn't been confirmed. A poor beginning, anyway, to his Parisian sojourn. Just as PSG themselves hardly set the League alight when their rebuilt team was held to an opening match draw by moderate Bastia.

Paris SG have certainly been active in reinforcing the side after losing two such stars. Apart from Loko, they've beefed up their attack by acquiring the gifted Panamanian striker Dely Valdes from Cagliari, French international Djorkaeff from Monaco – who still made a very good start without him – and the defender, Ngotty, from Lyon. Of course with so many changes – Portuguese stars Valdo and Ricardo have gone back to Benfica – it's inevitable that time will be needed for the team to bed down. Which makes Loko's antics all the more frustrating to the manager, Luis Fernandez.

Those who saw David Ginola make his name in the Toulon Under-21 tournament some years ago will be especially interested to see him join Newcastle – the latest stage in a somewhat switchback career.

France won that competition, although the team they entered wasn't the official Under-21 side. But Ginola, then actually playing for Toulon, inspired his largely makeshift team. And this in a tournament which featured Gazza for England – though he couldn't play when England lost to France – Taffarel and Cesar Sampaio for Brazil, and Hristo Stoichkov for Bulgaria.

Ginola had actually been snubbed by his local club, Nice, passing to Toulon in consequence. From there he proceeded to Paris, and the ill-fated Matra Racing, a club which eventually blew up. Leaving him, quite surprisingly, to join little Brest. The club which, only a few years earlier, when England's Nigel Page-Jones was playing for it, was said to have no desire for promotion to the top flight, because it could not afford it!

Anyway, to be out of the limelight for a while seemed to suit Ginola, who eventually returned to Paris to play for PSG and to win a regular place in the national team

Things there went awry when an unfair amount of the blame was put on him after France had sensationally lost to Bulgaria in the closing minutes of their decisive World Cup qualifying game at the Parc des Princes. Nor did Ginola and Cantona seem to get on.

It remains to be seen whether a player from the Cote d'Azur can adapt to the more spartan climes of North-east England. But how odd, really, that Ginola should join the club which launched . . . Gascoigne.

Almost everything which has lately been happening in French football, however, has been overshadowed by the accusations of Jean-Pierre Bernes, who still insists that he was the fall guy in the Valenciennes-Marseille bribes scandal, and who has been pouring out denunciations of Marseille and Bernard Tapie.

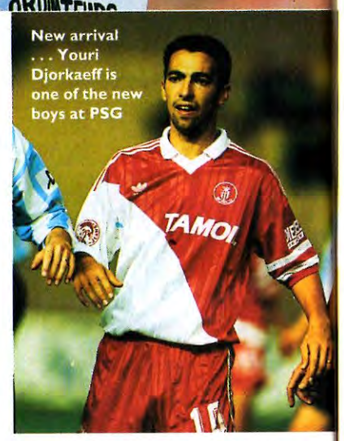
It's been pointed out however that shocking though Bernes's revelations be – and his senior executive position with the club put him intimately in the know – they fade into insignificance by comparison with what's been turned up by the endless, six-year, investigation of Marseille's finances.

There's talk of Robert Maxwell-style depredation, of no less than 110 million francs flitting out of the club's coffers, much of it used to finance an electoral campaign. I wonder whose? But in front of Judge Philippon, Bernes has been singing like a canary on speed.

He insists that for five years, corruption was the name of the Marseille game. He cites several European Cup games. But not, ironically, that of October 1989 in Marseille when the home team beat AEK Athens 2-0 and the referee, Sandoz, disallowed a perfectly good Greek goal. That match, says Bernes, wasn't bought. The 1-1 return game was. And who'll be surprised to hear that CSKA Moscow threw that 6-0 game in February 1993?

ANDRE DUCLOS

Crazy name, crazy guy . . . Patrice Loko faces a lengthy lay-off after his Parisien bender



New arrival . . . Youri Djorkaeff is one of the new boys at PSG

FRENCH TRANSFERS

(Loan moves in italics)

Kennet ANDERSSON	F	Caen	Bari
William AYACHE	D	Cannes	Strasbourg
Jacek BAK	D	Lech Poznan	Lyon
Fabien BARTHEZ	G	Marseille	Monaco
Gerard BATICLE	F	Auxerre	Strasbourg
Ali BENARBIA	M	Martigues	Monaco
Laurent BLANC	D	St Etienne	Auxerre
Thierry BONALAIR	D	Lille	Neuchatel Xamax
Aboubacar CAMARA	F	Saint Etienne	Lens
Patrick COLLOT	F	Martigues	Lille
Jean-Pierre CYPRIEN	D	Torino	Rennes
Julio DELY VALDES	F	Cagliari	Paris SG
Youri DJORKAEFF	F	Monaco	Paris SG
Franck DURIX	F	Cannes	Nagoya Grampus 8
Jean-Jacques EYDELIE	D	*out of contract*	Bastia
Frank FARINA	F	Lille	Waregem
Youseff FOFANA*	F	Bordeaux	Coventry City
David GINOLA	F	Paris SG	Newcastle Utd
Jocelyn GOURVENNEC	M	Rennes	Nantes
Vanja GRUBAC	F	OFK Belgrade	Le Havre
Stephane GIUVAR'CH	F	Guingamp	Auxerre
Christian KAREMBEU	M	Nantes	Sampdoria
Antoine KOMBOUARE	D	Paris SG	Sion
Patrice LOKO	F	Nantes	Paris SG
Isaias MAGALHAES	M	Seraing	Metz
Bruno MARTINI	G	Auxerre	Montpellier
Giza MESZOLY	D	Le Havre	Lille
Vaclav NEMECEK	M	Toulouse	Servette
Bruno NGOTTY	D	Lyon	Paris SG
Christian PEREZ	*F*	*Bordeaux*	*Laval*
Sacha PERSON	D	Hajduk Split	Cannes
Frank PINGEL	F	Fenerbahce	Lille
Stephane POUNEWATCHY	M	Martigues	Guegnon
RICARDO GOMES	D	Paris SG	Benfica
Mohamed SCILLA	F	Willem II Tillburg	Martigues
Didier SENAC	D	Bordeaux	Toulouse
Abdelhasid TASFAOUT	F	MC Oran (Alg)	Auxerre
Didier THOLOT	D	Martigues	Bordeaux
Djordje TOMIC	M	Partizan Belgrade	Guingamp
Pascal VAHIRUA	F	Auxerre	Caen
VALDO	F	Paris SG	Benfica
Mirza VARESANOVIC	D	FK Sarajevo	Bordeaux
Philippe VERCRUYSSE	M	Metz	Sion
Frank VERLAAT	F	Auxerre	VfB Stuttgart
George WEAH	F	Paris SG	Milan
Andrade WILLIAM	D	Benfica	Bastia
Samir ZAMFIR	M	Electroputere Craiova	Martigues

* = to be confirmed

MANAGERS ON THE MOVE

Slavo MUSLIN	Pau	Bordeaux
Jean TIGANA	Lyon	Monaco
TONI	Bordeaux	Sevilla

Portugal

Socios battle for Benfica

BENFICA's socios – the club members – are fighting plans to change the organisation into a series of privatised groups.

The aim is to raise money and help to restore the club to the greatness of old. But the fans, tired of the problems that so often beset their beloved Eagles, do not want "opportunists" to take over, and are engaged in a battle for the heart and soul of what is still renowned as the biggest club in Portugal.

Benfica did not win a single trophy last season, and the fans are not to be fobbed off with excuses. They do not have great faith in the manager, Artur Jorge, or the board. They are sick of the sight of agents and other hangers-on infesting the Stadium of Light and looking for business.

And they are none too happy with players who need to know what fee has been agreed for a particular match before agreeing to play in it.

The socios are longing for better times in the forthcoming season, without being too confident.

There has been an enormous upheaval of playing staff, with skipper Veloso, Brazilian Mozer, Argentinian Caniggia, Paneira, Isaias and Nelo all having departed. Pandura, a Romanian, and Iliev, a Bulgarian, have been drafted in, along with Moroccan striker Hassan, of whom much is expected.

Brazilians Ricardo and Valdo are back from Paris Saint-Germain, but not everybody can understand why. The great Joao Pinto remains, as does that excellent keeper, Preud'homme, plus Dimas and Helder, and there are two youngsters worth noting, Kenedy and Edgar.

The nation waits to see what will happen.

Bobby Robson, at Porto, is relying very much on his title-winning side as he plans a big push for the Champions League.

Russians Kulkiv and Yuran are out, replaced by Hungarian Lipcsei and Pole Miercarski, but the old backbone remains – notably Baia, Emerson and Rui Barros.

The third of the country's big clubs, Sporting Lisbon, have several new directors who are trying to solidify a weak financial structure. Manager Carlos Queiroz has other problems as he aims to replace men such as Figo, Peixe and Balakov.

Queiroz will rely heavily on young Jose Dominguez, who made a great name for himself at Birmingham, and the Brazilian Assis is a good asset, too.

● Government-appointed administrator Mirandela de Costa has been questioned by police investigating the disappearance of funds which should have been used for sport, but have apparently gone elsewhere. *ALBERTO DA SILVA*

Lisbon life . . . Jose Dominguez has moved from Birmingham City to Sporting

Republic of Ireland

Paul close to cap record

PAUL McGRATH *(right)* **could be the most capped Republic of Ireland player of all time by the end of the year.**

Provided those knees hold up, he should win his 77th cap in the European Championship game against Austria in Vienna in September.

Aston Villa defender McGrath can equal Packie Bonner's current record of 78 caps against Latvia in October and set a new record against Portugal in November.

If that happens one of the first to congratulate 35-year-old McGrath in Lisbon will be Eusebio, who asked him for his jersey when Portugal played in Dublin last April.

Bonner and McGrath, however, could be eclipsed by Steve Staunton, who could go on to reach 100 caps if The Republic keep qualifying for the finals of major tournaments. Villa's Staunton already has 59 caps, and he is only 26.

Most of the close season domestic news concerned managers.

Colin Murphy, who did a great job at Shelbourne last season, getting them into the UEFA Cup, shocked the Reds when he left to take a job at Notts County. He has been replaced at Tolka Park by Damien Richardson, who quit Cork City midway through last season and went to Cobh Ramblers.

Richardson began his playing career with Shamrock Rovers in his native Dublin before embarking on a long career as a player and manager with Gillingham.

Rob Hindmarch, the former Derby, Sunderland and Wolves defender is the new player manager of Cork, while Liam McMahon takes over at Cobh, for the third time.

Former Waterford and Irish striker Alfie Hale is the man with the least enviable job in the FAI National League. He has been appointed manager of Kilkenny City, who failed to win a League game last season.

Everton have formed an alliance with Home Farm, the North Dublin amateurs, who sent Ronnie Whelan to Liverpool and Gary Kelly to Leeds, among their many discoveries. Now they will give the first choice of their young talent to Everton.

SEAN CREEDON

Luxembourg

COACH Jean-Pierre Barboni plans to take a year off after guiding Jeunesse Esch to their 24th title, giving his reasons as "domestic and personal".

The current hot job in Luxembourg soccer now goes to Alex Perqueur, a Frenchman who previously steered Union Luxembourg to three championships in successive years.

National team captain Carlos Weis is to leave Avenir Beggen to work as player-coach for newly-promoted Sporting Mertzig.

In the UEFA Cup, Jeunesse take on Lugano, and Beggen play Orebro of Sweden. In the Cup-winners Cup, Grevenmacher face Iceland's Reykjavik.

The season stars on September 17, with three points for a win. The FLF were one of the last federations to change their dated points system.

Liechtenstein

WHILE Liechtenstein's national players and people are still partying over the point gained against the Irish, they have yet another success to celebrate.

The reason is the debut of Liechtenstein's first FIFA referee, Roland Beck, who conducted his first game in Europe when IBK Keflavik from Iceland took on Metz of France in the Intertoto Cup.

Liechtenstein's only entrants in Europe, Vaduz, play their preliminary Cup-winners Cup tie against the Czech Republic's Hradec Kralove.

The Player of the Year award turned into players of the year, when Roland Moser and Martin Heeb both polled 24 points.

TIM BRICE

Holland

Santos signs

MARCIO SANTOS would not be wrong if he told family and friends he was an Ajax player – despite having had an agent not registered with FIFA.

You have to go through the story to believe it could have been possible.

Brazilian international defender Santos signed a four-year contract to play for Ajax, in London after the Umbro Cup summer tournament. But – and this could be regarded as a very real but – an Italian gentleman named Caliendo, who seemed to give the player the impression that all he had to do was to sign, handled his affairs. Ajax did not feel any great friendship for Mr Agent, despite their high regard for Santos.

The player arrived in Amsterdam for pre-season training, and straight away Mr Agent was saying no to this and no to that, although the contract had already been signed. Caliendo disappeared from the scene after telling Santos to go home.

Ajax were not prepared to get involved in arguments with Caliendo. Instead they sent copies of the contract to FIFA and asked for its advice.

FIFA was quick to respond, confirming that Caliendo had no FIFA licence, that the contract was legal and that if Santos didn't play for Ajax he wouldn't play for any other club.

Fortunately for Ajax they had already transferred the fee to Fiorentina. The result: Santos came back on his own and got down to work.

As one comes in at least one goes out. Midfield whizzkid Clarence Seedorf went off to Iire land, Tarek Oulida went Spanish and Peter Van Vossen and John Van den Brom, both members of the Dutch national squad, joined manager Leo Beenhakker in Turkey.

Despite the injection of cash, Ajax have no intention of going on a spending spree. Says manager Louis Van Gaal: "Okay, you sometimes come across a player like Santos who can fill your current need, but I honestly believe that apart from the rest of the boys in the first team squad we have enough talent of our own coming through."

Ajax man . . . Marcio Santos has finally moved to Amsterdam

Still on the subject of contracts, Feyenoord wanted to add Polish international forward Tomeck Iwan to their group of new players. But Iwan was already under contract to Roda JC who, it was suggested, had extended his contract at a low salary. Either way, the player was not happy with Roda and so signed for Feyenoord.

Roda, of course, did not like that one bit. Neither did Feyenoord, when a Dutch FA committee rules that Iwan should remain a Roda player unless a transfer was agreed between the clubs.

Roda said thanks and arranged for Iwan to move to Feyenoord – at a fee of around £1.5m.

Not all transfers have been surrounded by these sort of circumstances.

One transfer that has gone through is Russian Joeri Petrov to FC Twente from RKC for around £750,000, the highest fee in their 40-year history.

Fortuna Sittard have earned increased sponsorship since gaining promotion to the Premier Division. But chief coach Pim Verbeek is not looking for new stars. Fortuna have a good young squad, and they are determined to survive in the Premier Division.

ERIC NICHOLLS

Belgium

Raiders over the border

THE never-ending search for new talent has continued apace in Belgium during the summer – with clubs from other countries prominent among the buyers.

Cross-border raids from Holland are frequent events, but Germany, England, Switzerland, Turkey and Israel also have figured among the nations doing some shopping in the Belgian game.

For example, Koln signed Romanian Dorinel Munteanu from Cercle Bruges for a second time, Sheffield Wednesday recruited Marc Degryse from Anderlecht, Grasshopper persuaded Gent's Eric Viscal to go to Zurich, clubmate Zsolt Petry went to Genclerbirligi, and Hapoel Tel Aviv took Itzhaq Zohar from Antwerp.

All will be missed, in their different ways – Degryse most of all. He has been one of Belgium's outstanding players in recent years, and not all Anderlecht fans are convinced that the club did everything they could have done in their efforts to keep him.

Not that that would have been easy, for Degryse had made no secret of his desire to try his luck abroad, in a country where his wages would be equalled or even passed.

Standard Liege plundered cash-strapped Italian side Napoli to sign Brazilian international defender Andre Cruz, while Anderlecht have recruited four players from other Belgian clubs – exactly as forecast in the July issue of *WORLD SOCCER*. Gilles de Bilde (Eendrecht Alst), Geert de Vlieger (Beveren), Glen de Boeck (Mechelen) and Emmanuel Karagiannis (Seraing) are the newcomers.

The club are now aiming for a fourth successive championship, which would be their 25th in 48 years, as well as a good showing in the European Cup.

New manager Herbert Neumann, a German recruited from Vitesse Arnhem, has plenty of work to do.

MARC DE ROBER

DUTCH & BELGIAN TRANSFERS
(Loan moves in italics)

Kwame ADTEI	F	Ashante Kotoko (Gha)	GA Eagles	Dorinel MUNTEANU	M	Cercle Bruges	Koln
Graham ARNOLD	F	Charleroi	NAC Breda	Tarik OULIDA	F	Ajax	Sevilla
Andreas AUGUSTSSON	D	Helsingborgs	FC Twente	Yuri PETROV	F	Lokomotiv Moscow	FC Twente
Marco BOOGERS	F	Sparta Rotterdam	West Ham Utd	Zsolt PETRY	G	Gent	Genclerbirligi
Petar CISTIC	D	Partizan Belgrade	Antwerp	Prince POLLEY	M	FC Twente	Excelsior
Andre CRUZ	D	Napoli	Standard Liege	Robert ROEST	M	Beveren	Fortuna Sittard
Gilles DE BILDE	F	Eendracht Aalst	Anderlecht	Marcio SANTOS	D	Fiorentina	Ajax
Geert DE VLIEGER	G	Beveren	Anderlecht	Arnold SCHOLTEN	M	Feyenoord	Ajax
Glen DE BOECK	D	Mechelen	Anderlecht	Clarence SEEDORF	F	Ajax	Sampdoria
Marc DEGRYSE	F	Anderlecht	Sheffield Wednesday	Robert SPEHAR	F	Osijek	Club Brugge
Andrei DEMTSJENKO	F	CSKA Moscow	Ajax	Ilie STAN	M	Steaua Bucharest	Cercle Bruges
Frank FARINA	F	Lille	Waregem	Mario STANIC	F	Benfica	Club Brugge
Frunza FLORIN	M	Rapid Bucharest	Harelbeke	Ranko STOGIC	G	Charleroi	Antwerp
Didier FRENAY	M	Charleroi	Linzer ASK	Antti SUMIALA	F	Emmen	NEC Nijmegen
Dean GORRE	M	Feyenoord	Groningen	Mohamed SYLLA	F	Willem II Tillburg	Martigues
Edwin GORTER	M	Utrecht	Vitesse Arnhem	Fuat USTA	M	Fortuna Sittard	Besiktas
Ovidiu HANGANU	M	Cercle Bruges	Dinamo Bucharest	*Maurice VAN HAM*	*M*	*Beveren*	*PAOK Salonika*
Guy HUBART	G	Estrela Amadora	Standard Liege	John VAN DEN BROM	F	Ajax	Istanbulspor
Max HUIBERTS	F	Roda JC Kerkrade	Borussia MG	John VAN LOEN	F	Feyenoord	Sanfrecce Hiroshima
Tomeck IWAN	F	Roda JC Kerkrade	Feyenoord	Tom VAN MOL	D	PSV Eindhoven	Lommel
Wim JONK	M	Internazionale	PSV Eindhoven	Peter VAN VOSSEN	F	Ajax	Istanbulspor
Krunoslav JURCIC	M	Istra Pula	Beveren	Yuri VERGUEITCHIK	M	Dinamo Minsk	RWD Molenbeek
Emmanuel KARAGIANNIS	M	Seraing	Anderlecht	Patrick VERVOORT	D	Standard Liege	*out of contract*
Piotr KASPERSKI	F	Sokol Pnewy	Roda JC Kerkrade	Aurelio VIDMAR	F	Standard Liege	Feyenoord
Joszef KIPRICH	F	Feyenoord	Apoel Nicosia	Eric VISCAAL	F	Gent	Grasshopper
Ronald KOEMAN	D	Barcelona	Feyenoord	Mark WILLIAMS	F	RWD Molenbeek	Wolves
Phillip KOKU	M	Vitesse Arnhem	PSV Eindhoven	Itzhak ZOHAR	M	Antwerp	Hapoel Tel Aviv
Edie KRNCEVIC	F	Eendracht Aalst	Charleroi	Clemens ZWIJNENBERG	D	FC Twente	Feyenoord
Roger LUKAKU	F	Seraing	Ekeren				
Isaias MAGALHAES	M	Seraing	Metz	**MANAGERS ON THE MOVE**			
Nebosja MALBASA	F	Charleroi	Standard Liege	Leo BEENHAKKER		FC America (Mex)	Istanbulspor
Jean-Marie M'BUYE	M	Vital 'O (Bur)	Mechelen	Jan BOSKAMP		Anderlecht	*out of contract*
Erik MEIJER	F	PSV Eindhoven	Bayer Uerdingen	Aad DE MOS		*out of contract*	Werder Bremen
Cvejan MILOSEVIC	M	FC Liege	Antwerp	Laszlo FAZEKAS		*out of contract*	Antwerp
Michel MINKO	M	Vital 'O (Bur)	Mechelen	Georges LEEKENS		Moeskroen	Charleroi
Juma MOSSI	F	Vital 'O (Bur)	Mechelen	Herbert NEUMANN		Vitesse Arnhem	Anderlecht
Jacky MUNARON	G	Standard Liege	Eendracht Aalst	Luka PERUZOVIC		Marseille	Charleroi
				Wim RIJSBERGEN		Volendam	NAC Breda
				Ronald SPELBOS		NAC Breda	Vitesse Arnhem
				Jos DAERDEN		Beveren	*out of contract*

Sweden

Top-shot Skoog draws scouts

NIKLAS SKOOG of Vastra Frolunda, a modest Gothenburg club, is Sweden's latest goal-scoring prodigy.

Under-21 international Skoog's 11 goals in 12 League matches have attracted scouts, and already his name has been linked with clubs in Italy.

"Niklas is a brilliant dribbler," says Frolunda's coach, Glenn Holm. "He keeps it glued to his feet and has tremendous control of his body. He is cool and with the ego of a goal-getter."

Skoog, now 21, is Frolunda's own product, and last season hit six goals in eight Under-21 international matches. At the current rate, full honours are sure to follow soon.

Skoog has even managed to overshadow Malmo's Jorgen Pettersson, whose attacking partner, Greger Andrijevski, is injured and will miss the rest of the season.

IFK Gothenburg put things right at last to beat traditional rivals IFK Norrkoping 2-0 at home, with goals from Mikael Martinsson and Stefan Landberg.

The club are selling former Everton misfit Stefan Rehn to Switzerland's Lausanne.

Kennet Andersson disappointed a few English clubs by signing a three-year contract with Italy's Bari. "This is the chance I have been waiting for and, hopefully, a turning point in my professional career," says Andersson.

He was a hit in the World Cup finals and has been a consistent goal-getter at full level, but has not had the best of luck with his previous clubs in Belgium and France.

PENTTI HIETANEN

Bari bound . . . Kennet Andersson is heading for Italy

Denmark

Lucky dip in Jutland

GAZZA mania provided a surprise cash windfall for a tiny village soccer school in the north of Jutland.

The institution at Grena hosted Paul Gascoigne's first match in a Rangers shirt, when Brondby played Rangers in a friendly while holding their summer cap at the school. Brondby had promised the profits of the match to them, before knowing who they would play.

With Gascoigne and Brian Laudrup suddenly the star attractions, the match not only enticed 5,000 fans to cram into the school field to watch, but was bought up for live TV as well.

This was the highlight of Danish soccer's silly season, with a strong of big-name clubs travelling for summer warm-up matches.

New Silkeborg boss Preben Elkjaer revealed his bold soccer philosophy as an eager team beat Tottenham 3-1. They played with all the panache and attacking verve Elkjaer used to show in his playing heyday. He has told his players to take the initiative in every match.

The transfer market has been busy over the summer. Brondby bought striker Peter Moller to play alongside Bo Hansen, while releasing the controversial Mark Strudal.

Strudal was linked with a switch to English clubs Birmingham and QPR, but eventually appeared set to rejoin one of his many former clubs, Naestved.

FC Copenhagen snapped up a new coach, Michael Schaeffer, from Superliga rivals Lyngby, and then a new goalkeeper, Lithuanian international Briaunys Algimantas.

John Jensen trained through the summer with old club Brondby while waiting for his future under new Arsenal boss Bruce Rioch to be settled. But no decision had been made by the start of the Danish domestic season.

JIM HOLDEN

Iceland

WITH the season now at the halfway mark, only a brave man or a fool would offer odds against IA Akranes capturing their fourth League championship in a row.

With nine games played, they have yet to drop a point, and are now nine clear of KR Reykjavik.

With the Cup now at its semi-final stages, a repeat of last year's KR-Grindavik final could be on the cards, although both sides face difficult away ties, against Keflavik and Fram respectively.

On the European front, Icelandic interest in the Intertoto Cup ended after the first round, Keflavik taking only one point from their four matches through a 0-0 home draw again FC Zagreb.

In the UEFA Cup, champions IA meet Shelbourne from the Irish Republic, while across the border in the north, relegation-troubled FH (Hafnarfjordur) take on Glenavon. In the Cup-winners Cup, KR travel to Luxembourg to face Grevenmacher.

RAB CHRISTIE

Malta

"THE ideal time to go in search of good players is when your team is doing well, because then players are eager to join you," says Brian Talbot.

Talbot, confirmed for the fourth year running as coach to the champions, has shown what he means by signing international midfielder Silvio Vella, who had been on loan from Rabat Ajax. Promising youngster Claude Mangion also has been signed, from relegated Pieta Hotspurs.

Sources close to the club indicate Talbot is close to signing the hottest property on the local market – Alex Busuttil of Luxol St Andrews. A memorable season for Hibs was rounded off when international defender Michael Woods was given the Footballer of the Year award.

Martin Gregory and Hubert Suda have been linked with possible transfer deals, but Sliema have signed New Zealander Kim Wright, once of Floriana, and Ernest Barry, after a bitter experience with relegated St George's.

Hamrun Spartans have engaged the former Peterborough, Coventry and Stoke City midfielder Micky Gynn. There was no summer break for Floriana. They were engaged in the Intertoto Cup, but performed disastrously, losing 4-0 at home to FC Tirol and Strasbourg.

DOMENICO AQUILINA

Finland

STRUGGLING Rovaniemi surprised many people by bringing back former Welsh international Graham Williams to replace coach Timo Salmi.

"I cannot believe this," Salmi commented. "The board told me to get rid of the British style of play. And what do they do? Bring in a British coach!"

Williams, capped 26 times for Wales 1960-69, had a spell as coach with Rovaniemi in the 1980s.

Harri Kampman's MyPa have been calling the shots in the League, but many experts tip Jukka Vakkila's Haka for the title. Haka, fifth last season, played excellent football when they defeated HJK Helsinki 4-2 in the League Cup final.

Keijo Voutilainen is the new coach of FinnPa, who have sacked Heikki Suhonen.

Finnish international forward Antti Sumiala, 21, has signed a two-year contract for NEC Nijmegen of Holland, after a spell on loan with Emmen in the Dutch Second Division.

PENTTI HIETANEN

A load of bull

Mehmet Demirkan on the international striker who would rather be playing in Turkey than Turin

HAKAN SUKUR is a 23-year-old Turk who could be a millionaire by the time he is 30. But at the moment he is not a very happy young man.

Hakan, who has become one of the biggest-ever stars in Turkish soccer in only a few seasons, has been transferred from Galatasaray to Torino for a fee of around £2m, and will be paid about £470,000 a year for four years.

With reasonable luck, he and his bride – he and girlfriend Esra are due to marry soon – will be set up for life. And still Hakan is in two minds about the deal.

He believes that it was all arranged between directors of his club and leading officials from Torino, and that he eventually signed a four-year contract without being fully aware of what it entailed.

He says he had been happy with Turkey, happy with Galatasaray, happy with his life. Why should he move?

A move always seemed on the cards for Hakan, nicknamed the Turkish Bull, from his early days with Bursaspor, who had recruited him from Sakaryaspor. In his first full season, 1993-94, he scored 16 League goals and showed up well in European games against such opposition as Manchester United, Barcelona and Monaco.

Indeed, he performed so favourably that Anderlecht offered £1m for him – a sum immediately turned down by Gala.

Hakan, with his skill and non-stop running, also did well at various levels with the international squad, and now has played 24 matches in the senior squad, 27 with the Under-21 team and 21 for the youth side.

His goals include 13 at full international level, including one against Switzerland in Berne that became the talk of Europe.

That goal was seen by a deputation from Torino, who had travelled to Switzerland especially to watch Hakan. The transfer deal was a direct result of that.

Last season was not as successful for Hakan as his first in the big time had been, partially because he played a dual role with another striker, Saffet Sancakli, who scored 21 goals to Hakan's 13.

Turin shroud . . . ex-gala striker Hakan Sukur is now with Torino

Now Gala's new manager, Graeme Souness, has signed former Liverpool and Aston Villa forward Dean Saunders, so competition for striking places will be even hotter.

Perhaps that persuaded Hakan to take Italian lire in preference to the Turkish variety.

Turkey

Elvir escapes to victory

BIG-MONEY moves among managers and players have been the summer talking point in Turkey, but one little-known striker has been making news, too.

He is 18-year-old Elvir Baljic, who escaped from his native Bosnia to join Bursaspor, and scored twice for them against Wimbledon in an Intertoto game.

Baljic played for Sarajevo against Bursa in a friendly during the summer, and was keen to change clubs, but knew that the Bosnian Government would not sanction such a move.

He returned home, but when Sarajevo returned to Turkey, en route for games in Saudi Arabia, he left the team's headquarters, met Bursa manager Nejat Biyedic – he too is Bosnian – and now intends to make Turkey his home.

Fenerbahce, under their Brazilian manager, Carlos Alberto Parreira, included a trip to Brazil in their preparations for the new season, but won only two games and lost the other four.

On their return they lost the Prime Minister's Cup, one of the big pre-season events, 4-3 on penalties to Galatasaray, after a 1-1 draw. This was a first trophy for Gala's new manager, Graeme Souness, who had taken the squad to France and Germany for warm-up games, but had been without striker Dean Saunders for all but two of them, because of an ankle injury.

Gala, who face tough UEFA Cup opposition in Sparta Prague, have an old favourite back – international goalkeeper Demirbas Hayrettin. He left the club after a row with former manager Kalli Feldkamp a year ago, and joined Vanspor, but has now returned.

HASAN CEMALI

Greece

THERE was trouble at Olympiakos Piraeus even before the first kick-off, with the sacking of Dutch coach Tajis Librechts.

The main reason was his opposition to the decision to release top scorer and World Cup veteran Yiotis Tsalhouhidis to Pasok Salonica.

Larisa's assistant coach, Stavros Diamondopoulos, was appointed coach to try to get Olympiakos out of a eight-year title slump.

Olympiakos have signed Polish striker Andrzej Justowiak on loan for one season, from Sporting Lisbon, for close to $1m.

AEK defender Stelios Manolas, who scored an own goal when playing Marseille in European Cup action in 1989, has been named in allegations that Marseille fixed the match.

Manolas has asked AEK officials to list all the newspapers which published the allegations, in order to take legal action.

LOU ECONOMOPOULOS

Albania

SOCCER is undergoing radical change in Albania. There will now be 18 clubs in the First Divsion, instead of 16, and the allocation of points has been changed.

The Albanian FA has is changing the points value of an away win to three, as requested by FIFA, but are keeping a home win at only two points.

Three teams are moving up to make the 18 in the top flight: Sopoti of Librazhde, Kastrioti of Kruja, amd Skenderbeu of Korca. Sopoti's play-off match against Iliria, which they won 5-1, included five sendings-off and nine bookings.

Bejkush Birce, the former Albanian national coach, has signed a three-year contract with Flamurtari Vlora. Birce, 58, was with Flamurtari 1975-78, and wants to end his career there.

Another one-time national team chief, Shyqyri Reli, 63, has taken over as coach ofm Shkumbini.

GEZIM NUSHI

Israel

EUROPE dominated the attention of Israel's top coaches during the short close season.

With a record four clubs set to chase honours and financial windfalls in the three European cup competitions, Israeli coaches have been scouring the former Soviet block to find players of proven ability who can add steel, stamina and leadership to flowering home-bred talent.

In the past this has worked well for some clubs. Russian international goalkeeper Alexander Obarov and Ukrainian midfielder Sergei Kandaurov have spent several successful years with the two giants of Israeli soccer, Maccabi Tel Aviv and Maccabi Haifa respectively.

Maccabi Haifa coach Giora Spiegel has been busy researching potential recruits from Croatia before the Cup-winners Cup against KI of the Faroe Islands. Hapoel Beersheba, who meet Moldavia's Zimbru Chisinau in the UEFA Cup, signed Ukrainian defender Andrei Telesnenko and Latvian midfielder Armand Zeiberlintz.

Hapoel Tel Aviv, who face Albania's FC Tirana in the UEFA Cup, still have to finalise their shopping list. Champions Maccabi Tel Aviv agreed terms with Dynamo Minsk for Yevegny Kishnesev. Tel Aviv's new coach Dror Kashtan has the tantalising prospect of taking the side into the Champions League if they can beat Grasshopper Zurich in the preliminary round.

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FIFA/COCA-COLA WORLD RANKING – JUNE 1995

Brazil still the best

WORLD champions Brazil have widened their lead at the top of the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Ranking after winning the Umbro Cup in England.

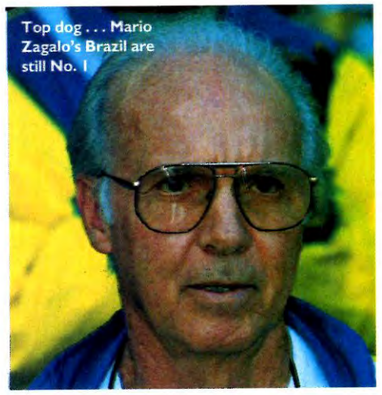
The Brazilians, on 67.30 points, lead second-placed Italy by 5.77 points. The following four places remain unchanged, although Germany and Sweden are under great pressure from Mexico and Bulgaria, who beat the Germans 3-2 in the European Championship qualifiers to move up four places to eighth.

Scotland, enjoying a good run in the Euro '96 qualifiers, leapt up 10 places to 21st position, making them the highest-placed of the four British Associations. The Republic of Ireland fell five places to 15th after two poor results in Euro '96 qualifiers.

Indeed, success in the Euro '96 qualifiers paid handsome dividends for several countries, most notably Latvia (66th, up 10), Georgia (83rd, up 10), Byelorussia (104th, up 9) and Luxembourg (105th, up 7). But the Faroe Islands take top marks as highest climbers of the month. They shot up 16 places to 121st place, thanks to a 3-0 win against San Marino.

Substantial gains also were made by the successful sides in the African Nations Cup qualifiers, led by Liberia, who went up 11 places to 91st.

Between May 17 and June 13, 57 'A' internationals were played, bringing the total for the year up to 229. Europe have 27 countries in the top 50, followed by Africa with 11, CONMEBOL and Asia with five each and CONCACAF with two.



Top dog . . . Mario Zagalo's Brazil are still No. 1

	Team	Pts	Change
1	**Brazil**	**67.30**	**0**
2	**Italy**	**61.53**	**0**
3	**Spain**	**60.67**	**0**
4	**Norway**	**60.61**	**0**
5	**Germany**	**58.60**	**0**
6	**Sweden**	**58.36**	**0**
7	**Mexico**	**57.98**	**+2**
8	**Bulgaria**	**57.93**	**+4**
9	**Holland**	**57.40**	**-2**
10	**Argentina**	**57.06**	**-2**
11	Romania	56.83	0
12	Denmark	56.72	+2
13	Russia	55.86	+2
14	Switzerland	55.23	-1
15	Rep of Ireland	54.69	-5
16	Portugal	54.15	0
17	France	50.83	0
18	Nigeria	50.61	+2
19	Belgium	49.53	-1
20	Egypt	47.96	+3
21	Scotland	47.73	+10
22	England	47.35	-1
23	Colombia	47.20	-4
24	Tunisia	47.18	+1
25	Turkey	46.27	+5
26	Czech Republic	45.86	-4
27	Ghana	45.83	-1
28	Greece	45.38	-4
29	Poland	45.26	+7
30	Saudi Arabia	44.64	-2
31	Ivory Coast	44.27	+2
32	Zambia	44.26	-3
33	Japan	43.24	+2
34	USA	42.42	-7
35	Morocco	41.91	-1
36	Uruguay	41.80	-4
37	South Korea	41.11	0
38	Finland	40.44	0
39	Slovakia	39.86	0
40	Cameroon	39.23	+4
41	Zimbabwe	38.87	0
42	Chile	38.81	+7
43	Senegal	37.71	+2
44	Israel	37.54	+2
45	UAE	36.96	+2
46	China	36.90	+2
47	Lithuania	36.82	+14
48	Austria	36.32	-8
49	Iceland	36.05	-7
50	Mali	36.03	+6
51	Croatia	35.99	0
52	Wales	35.48	-9
53	Northern Ireland	35.31	-1
54	Hungary	35.26	-1
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58	Australia	33.49	-8
59	South Africa	33.37	+1
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61	Gabon	32.68	+7
62	Bolivia	32.44	-4
63	Honduras	32.19	-6
64	Kuwait	32.04	-5
65	Costa Rica	31.52	+7
66	Latvia	31.16	+10
67	Qatar	30.60	-2
68	Cyprus	29.86	-2
69	Uganda	29.85	+2
70	Canada	29.79	-3
71	Tanzania	28.93	-1
71	Malawi	28.48	+1
73	Peru	27.98	-4
74	Angola	27.04	+8
75	Mozambique	26.70	+2
76	Ecuador	25.99	-14
77	Bahrain	25.48	-2
78	Niger	24.79	0
79	Oman	24.77	0
80	Ukraine	24.62	-6
81	Trinidad & Tobago	24.09	-1
82	Togo	24.01	-1
83	Georgia	23.59	+10
84	Iran	23.56	-1
85	Slovenia	23.39	-1
86	Yugoslavia	23.15	-1
87	Uzbekistan	22.78	-1
88	Sudan	22.38	+6
89	Malta	22.22	0
90	Thailand	22.16	-3
91	Liberia	21.49	+11
92	Macedonia	21.42	-4
93	Kenya	21.15	-3
94	Albania	20.84	+7
95	Jamaica	20.74	-4
96	Iraq	20.52	-4
97	Ethiopia	19.67	-1
98	North Korea	19.31	-3
99	El Salvador	19.24	-2
100	Paraguay	18.83	+3
101	Burkina Faso	18.59	-3
102	Malaysia	18.39	-3
103	Hong Kong	18.09	-3
104	Byelorussia	17.70	+9
105	Luxembourg	17.42	+7
106	Congo	17.40	-2
107	Mauritania	16.50	-2
108	New Zealand	16.46	-2
109	Yemen	16.17	-2
110	Singapore	15.15	-2
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113	India	13.93	-2
114	Namibia	13.78	+1
115	Madagascar	13.71	-5
116	Surinam	12.67	+1
117	Turkmenistan	12.61	+1
118	Estonia	12.40	-2
119	Syria	12.29	0
120	Bermuda	12.14	0
121	Faroe Islands	11.87	+16
122	Guinea-Bissau	10.99	+2
123	Myanmar	10.90	+2
124	Venezuela	10.83	-1
125	Jordan	10.81	-3
126	Barbados	10.74	0
127	Puerto Rico	10.58	0
128	Armenia	9.99	+5
129	St Vincent & Gren.	9.92	-1
130	Burundi	9.71	0
131	Swaziland	9.66	-2
132	St Lucia	9.49	-1
133	Fiji	9.35	-12
134	Bangladesh	9.10	-2
135	Lesotho	9.04	+1
136	San Marino	8.91	-2
137	Lebanon	8.77	-3
138	Botswana	7.19	+10
139	Haiti	7.13	0
140	Mauritius	7.11	-2
141	Indonesia	6.85	-1
142	Panama	6.63	-1
143	St Kitts & Nevis	6.50	0
144	Antigua	6.38	0
145	Azerbaijan	6.36	-3
146	Nepal	6.27	-1
147	Grenada	6.14	0
148	Sri Lanka	6.11	-2
149	Liechtenstein	5.23	+7
150	Benin	5.17	-1
151	Vietnam	3.89	0
152	Cayman Islands	3.70	0
153	Guyana	3.53	+1
154	Tahiti	3.49	-4
155	Guatemala	3.47	-2
156	Dutch Antilles	3.46	-1
157	Kazakhstan	2.97	0
158	Somalia	2.85	0
159	Pakistan	2.74	0
160	Tajikistan	2.69	0
161	Dominican Rep.	2.21	0
162	Laos	1.69	0
163	Maldives Rep	1.57	0
164	Cape Verde Is	1.55	0
165	Solomon Islands	1.42	0

● *Change indicates movement between May 1995 & June 1995.*

❒ *Countries inactive since 1989 and countries yet to play do not appear in the Ranking.*

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Wargames

War-torn Croatia is fighting a battle on football's frontline. Zdravko Reic in Split reports on the amazing steps taken by the national side

LIFE is hard in Croatia. This is the fourth year of a war in which Serbians have occupied one third of the country. Living standards are miserable and defence expenditure takes a considerable chunk out of ordinary people's pay.

Tourism was once the country's largest source of income. But there's been fewer and fewer visitors to the beautiful Adriatic coast in recent years because of the security situation.

With such a sad state of affairs, when every citizen dreams of a return to everyday life, sport – and in particular, football – has provided the sole light at the end of the tunnel.

Football is the country's most popular sport. For many ordinary people the game provides proof that Croatia is alive and well.

The city of Dubrovnik, dubbed the 'Croatian Athens' because of its historical and cultural importance, was surrounded by Serbs for eight months. The break-up of the siege was the first sign of the Croatian army's growing strength, but it was only when FC Dubrovnik and FC Segesta played a football match in the town that everyday life really returned. Church bells rang out, soldiers fired their rifles in the air in celebration. Football was back, signalling the return of freedom.

Last season, Croatian football achieved great success. FIFA declared Croatia the biggest mover in the world rankings – the national team rose 60 places, from 122 to 62. And thanks to some impressive results in the European Championship qualifiers, Croatia are virtually assured of a place in England next June.

The most significant result so far was the sensational 2-1 victory over Italy in Palermo. The whole of Croatia watched the match on television, from soldiers on the front lines, to refugees in the camps, to ordinary citizens in safe homes.

The nation still seeks confirmation of its new-found football strength. They will get a good idea in two forthcoming matches, the Euro qualifier on October 8 against Italy in Split, which will decide the winner of Group 4, and the friendly against England at Wembley on September 6.

Tomislav Ivic, Croatian national team director and the most respected coach in the country, is well aware of the challenge his team faces.

He says: "We remember the first international appearance of the Croatian national team, 2-1 against the US in Zagreb in 1991. Everybody remembers our game against one of the world's leading nations, Spain, when we beat them 2-0 in Valencia. Everybody carries in their heart the 2-1 victory over Italy. But definitely the most difficult exam we must pass is at Wembley, against England."

Long before the qualification process began, Ivic and team manager Miroslav Blazevic set themselves a target – to show up in England in June 1996. They took an unusual step in that direction by ruling that the players would not be paid for victories or any points gained – at least for the time being. They get £400 expenses for each match, but if they make it to the finals, those who have played in all 10 qualifiers will get a £40,000 bonus.

But the Croatian 'football commandos', led by captain Zvonimir Boban, will not stop there. They believe they can reach the semi-finals in England, and see the match at Wembley as a crucial test of just how good Croatian football is.

Boban is looking forward to the task. "To play at Wembley – it's a dream for every one of us. We hope that this match won't be the last we play there, and that we can get through to play in the final rounds of the competition. That would mean we had succeeded."

OPPONENTS	RES	VENUE	DATE
Croatia v USA	2-1	Zagreb	17.10.90
Croatia v Romania	2-0	Rijeka	22.12.90
Slovenia v Croatia	0-1	Murska Sobota	19.06.91
Australia v Croatia	1-0	Melbourne	05.07.92
Australia v Croatia	3-1	Adelaide	08.07.92
Australia v Croatia	0-0	Sydney	12.07.92
Croatia v Mexico	3-0	Zagreb	22.10.92
Croatia v Ukraine	3-1	Zagreb	25.06.93
Spain v Croatia	0-2	Valencia	23.08.94
Slovakia v Croatia	4-1	Bratislava	20.04.94
Hungary v Croatia	2-2	Gyor	18.05.94
Croatia v Argentina	0-0	Zagreb	04.06.94
Israel v Croatia	0-4	Tel Aviv	17.08.94
Estonia v Croatia	0-2	Tallinn	04.09.94
Croatia v Lithuania	2-0	Zagreb	09.10.94
Italy v Croatia	1-2	Palermo	16.11.94
Croatia v Ukraine	4-0	Zagreb	25.03.95
Lithuania v Croatia	0-0	Vilnius	29.03.95
Croatia v Slovenia	2-0	Zagreb	26.04.95
Ukraine v Croatia	1-0	Kiev	11.06.95

The national squad are made up largely of foreign-based 'legionaires' and those who have just returned from playing abroad.

Among the 30 candidates for the England adventure, eight play in Spain, three make a living in Italy, two in Germany, two in Austria, and one in France and Holland – 17 in all.

The remaining 13 play in the domestic league. Seven are with Hajduk Split, five come from FC Croatia and one plays for FC Varteks – although many have played abroad. Goalkeeper Tonci Gabric was with PAOK in Greece, Aljosa Asanovic with French side Montpellier and Ivor Stimac with Cadiz in Spain.

The game at Wembley will be a chance to put themselves in the shop window. Like many other emerging football nations, it is a fact of life that Croatian football can survive only by selling its best assets.

Ivic and Blazevic, the top men in charge of Croatian national football, don't always meet eye to eye. Ivic has been in charge of some of the great European teams – Ajax, Anderlecht, Paris SG, Atletico Madrid, Porto, Benfica, Marseille and Hadjuk Split – winning 14 trophies, but he did not want to take overall responsibility for the national squad.

That duty has fallen to Blazevic, the former coach of Grasshopper, Nantes and PAOK among others. He is not a perfectionist like Ivic, but a great pragmatist who knows to motivate his teams.

Both men work voluntarily with the national team. They do not get a dinar. Although Ivic is in charge of the strategic development of Croatian football, Blazevic is free to pick the team line-up.

Blazevic leans towards more experimental tactics, while Ivic prefers long, careful preparations. That's where their two worlds collide.

"We have the best players in the world," says Blazevic. "They don't need much talking or coaching to succeed. Croatia will do well in England." Ivic, however, insists: "Although we have great players, without serious preparation we won't achieve anything in the Euro competition."

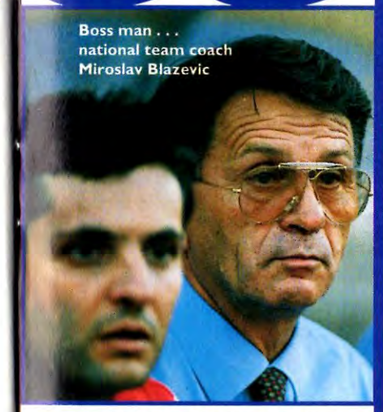
It's worth noting that Croatia's greatest triumph in the qualifiers, the 2-1 win over Italy in Palermo, was masterminded by Ivic. Blazevic was suspended at the time, following a incident at an Auxerre-FC Croatia game in France. At one stage Blazevic was Croatia owner, coach and president all at the same time, as well as being national team coach.

Many fear that the escalating war in the former Yugoslavia eventually will lead to the national team, as well as those competing in the European club competitions, to be banned from playing games inside the Croatian border.

When Croatian army forces took action this summer to free areas held by rebel Serbs, UEFA forbade foreign teams to appear on Croatian soil. That's why FC Zagreb had to play all four Intertoto Cup games abroad.

The national team, however, are still allowed to play on domestic soil. At press time Estonia were still expectd due in Split on September 3 for a game that will serve as a warm-up for the match in London, as well the crucial Euro '96 qualifier against Italy in Split on October 8.

In London, a Football Association spokesman said there was no reason for the game at Wembley to be called off, despite escalating violence.



Boss man . . . national team coach Miroslav Blazevic

Foreign affair . . . Slaven Bilic is a star in Germany

Croat stars . . . Zvonimir Boban (left) and Robert Jarni

Goalkeepers

Drazen LADIC (1.1.63)
FC Croatia. 17 caps. The first-choice goalkeeper. Holds the record for national team appearances.

Tonci GABRIC (11.3.61)
Hajduk Split. 4 caps. Helped Hajduk Split to the double last season. Five season with Rijeka, before spells with Cibalia Vinkovic and PAOK Salonika.

Marijan MRMIC (6.5.65)
FC Varteks. 1 cap.

Defenders

Slaven BILIC (11.9.68)
Karlsruhe (Ger). 14 caps. First-choice centre-back who left Hadjuk Split for Germany in 1993. A key member of the Karlsruhe team who reached the 1994 UEFA Cup semi-final.

Igor STIMAC (6.9.67)
Vicenza (Ita). 11 caps. Central defender. Member of Yugoslavia's 1987 World Youth Championship-winning squad. Joined newly-promoted Serie A side Vicenza from Hajduk Split this summer.

Nikola JERKAN (8.12.64)
Real Oviedo (Spa). 12 caps, 1 goal. The national team libero. An experienced defender who has played in Spain for since 1990. Previously wth Hajduk Split.

Robert JARNI (26.10.68)
Real Betis (Spa). 14 caps. A very quick left-back who likes to get forward. Moved to Italy from Hajduk Split in 1991. Had spells with Bari, Juventus, Torino (on loan), before returning to help Juve win the scudetto last season. Moved to Spain for £3m this summer.

Zvonimir SOLDO (1.11.67)
FC Croatia. 5 caps.

Darko BUTOROVIC (12.8.70)
Hajduk Split 1 cap.

Dzevad TURKOVIC (17.8.72)
FC Croatia. 5 caps.

Dubravko PAVLICIC (28.11.67)
Hercules Alicante (Spa). 11 caps.

Elvis BRAJKOVIC (12.6.69)
Munich 1860 (Ger). 5 caps.

Midfielders

Aljosa ASANOVIC (14.12.65)
Hajduk Split. 13 caps, 1 goal. Experienced midfielder with great vision and goalscoring ability. A youth, Olympic and full international for Yugoslavia. After 200 matches for Hajduk, he had spells with Metz, Cannes and Montpellier in France. Returned home in July 1994.

Zvonimir BOBAN (8.10.68)
Milan (Ita). 12 caps, 1 goal. Influential captain and widely experienced although still only 26. Boban was signed by Milan in 1992, after missing the World Cup two years earlier because of suspension for kicking a policeman during a disturbance at a match between his club, Dinamo Zagreb, and Red Star Belgrade. Played in Milan's superb 4-0 victory over Barcelona in the 1994 Champions Cup Final. He also was on the losing side when they lost the trophy to Ajax earlier this year.

Robert PROSINECKI (12.1.69)
Barcelona (Spa). 8 caps, 3 goals. Vastly talented player who was a member of Yugoslavia's 1990 World Cup finals squad and won a Champions Cup medal with Red Star Belgrade in 1991. Joined Real Madrid from Red Star in 1992. Spent last season on loan to Oviedo, before joining Barca in the close season.

Nikola JURCEVIC (14.9.66)
Casino Salzburg (Aus). 8 caps, 1 goal. First came to prominence as a key member of the Casino Salzburg team who reached the 1994 UEFA Cup Final. Right-back for the national side.

Goran VUCEVIC (28.5.71)
Barcelona (Spa). 3 caps. Talented midfielder signed by Barcelona from Hajduk Split in 1992, but had few first-team chance and missed nearly all of the 1993-94 season with a knee ligament injury. Returned home on a year's loan to Split last year.

Robert SPEHAR (13.5.70)
Osijek. 5 caps. Recently back home after a spell in Belgium with Club Brugge.

Josko JELICIC (5.1.71)
FC Croatia. 1 cap.

Stipe ANDRIJASEVIC (7.2.67)
Rayo Vallecano (Spa). 5 caps

Ante MISE (14.6.67)
Vitesse Arnhem (Hol). 7 caps.

Mladen MLADENOVIC (13.9.64)
Casino Salzburg (Aus). 12 caps, 2 goals.

Nenad PRALIJA (11.12.70)
Hajduk Split. 1 cap.

Forwards

Davor SUKER (1.1.68)
Sevilla (Spa). 12 caps, 11 goals. A prolific scorer who started his career with Osijek, before moving to Dinamo Zagreb, and then on Spain in 1991, where he has become one of country's hottest goalscoring properties.

Alen BOKSIC (21.1.70)
Lazio (Ita). 9 caps. Signed by Marseille from Hajduk Split in 1991 and a Champions Cup-winner in 1993. Joined Lazio in 1993. Has not been a big hit on the international stage for Croatia – yet.

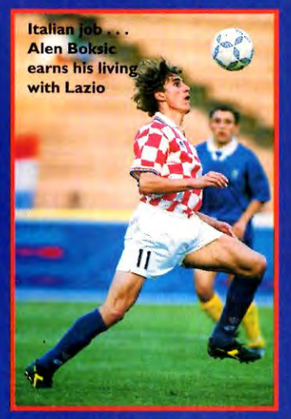
Goran VLAOVIC (7.8.72)
Padova (Ita). 4 caps. Top scorer in the Croatian League in 1992-93. With Padova since summer 1994.

Ivica MORNAR (12.1.74)
Hajduk Split. 2 caps. The most promising young striker in Croatia.

Milan RAPAIC (16.8.73)
Hajduk Split. 1 cap. A skilful left-sided player, considered by many to be the most talented player in Croatian football.

Ardian KOZNIKU (27.10.67)
Cannes (Fra). 3 caps, 1 goal.

Igor CVITANOVIC (1.11.70)
FC Croatia. 6 caps, 2 goals.



Italian job . . . Alen Boksic earns his living with Lazio

HOW THEY LINE UP

Slovakia

WITH Jozef Venglos on his way up The Gulf to run the Oman national side, while retaining a certain overall role in the directing of Slovak coaching, it is up to successor Jozef Jankech to cobble together face-saving performances in Group 1 of the Euro '96 qualifiers.

Only a miracle could send the Slovaks to England next summer. But there must be an upset somewhere and the one-time Slovan coach can look forward to one 'away' tie, on neutral Turkish territory with Azerbaijan, and three at home. Stranger things have happened.

Hardly a domestic Slovak League game will have been played when the national team goes to Trabzon, but repetition of the hammering handed out in Kosice is all that will suffice to keep meagre hopes alive. Three weeks later Israel are due in Central Europe and it will probably be 'Do videnia' to Europe for four years.

In the League there is only one likely champion, Slovan, though money at the Tehelne Pole may be in short supply, although nobody will admit it. At the same time the club appears to be trying to sell its best playing assets, such as Vladimir Kinder.

A possible challenger to Slovan could come from Spartak Trnava. Karol Pecze has worked wonders with a couple of veterans and an otherwise youthful and untried group of players.

Meanwhile Slovak fans will have to make do with an NK Osijek visit to the Tehelne Pole in the UEFA Cup and possibly elimination in Croatia. The better chance is of Inter overcoming La Valetta.

BOB VAUGHAN

Poland

THE Polish FA has a new president. Marian Dziurowicz, chairman of GKS Katowice, was chosen by the representatives during a meeting in Warsaw.

He is said to be a hard man and does not have a good relationship with the national team coach, Henryk Apostel.

Zbigniew Boniek, a former Polish international, did not want to co-operate with Dziurowicz and did not accept an invite to be a member of the PFA board.

"I prefer to be in opposition," he said.

Discussion is going on concerning selling places in the League. Sokol Pniewy were in financial trouble last year and tried to sell their place. It did not happen, but this year not only Sokol but Olimpia Poznan and FC Piaseczno [Second Division] want to do it as well. They plan to sell their places to Third Division teams GKS Tychy, Lechia Gdansk and Jeziorak Ilawa.

The representatives at the PFA meeting prevented them from doing it but it seems that everything is possible in Polish football. Sokol will be playing their games in Tychy (400km away) and Olimpia in Gdansk (300km away). FC Piaseczno theoretically did not join Jeziorak but transferred their office to Ilawa (250km away).

Legia Warsaw, wanting to reinforce their team before the preliminary round of the Champions Cup, have signed Andrzej Kubica (Austria Wien), Cezary Kucharski (FC Aarau), Ryszard Staniek (Osasuna) and Tomasz Wieszczycki (LKS Lodz).

Other transfers include Jacek Bak (Lech Poznan to Olympique Lyon), Jerzy Brzeczek (GKS Katowice to FC Tirol Innsbruck), Krzysztof Bociek (PAOK Salonika to Stal Mielec), Jacek Cyzio (Karsiyaka Izmir to Pogon Szczecin).

Poland lost 2-1 to Brazil in a friendly in Recife, a result described as a triumphant defeat.

DARIUSZ KUROWSKI

Romania

It's Steaua yet again

CHAMPIONS Steaua were favoured with an away first leg in the preliminary round of the Champions Cup. They will be determined to qualify for the Champions League at the expense of Austrian opponents Salzburg.

Steaua should be favourites to make the cut. Everyone's tip for the domestic title began the 1995-96 season by warming up in southern England with a convincing win over Reading. Elm Park's excellent surface seemed to suit captain Lacatus and his crew, who demonstrated their class but, at times, also their petulance.

Cup-winners Petrolul have an uncomfortable Cup-winners Cup preliminary draw, a visit to the Racecourse in North Wales. Despite their currently lowly status, Wrexham have a remarkable Euro record and Ploesti should beware, although home advantage should tell in the second leg at Stadium Street Number 26 near the Black Sea.

In the capital, runners-up Dinamo have drawn a Balkan derby in the UEFA Cup, a tie with Levski Sofia, while 'U' Craiova will not fancy a return in Minsk against Dinamo.

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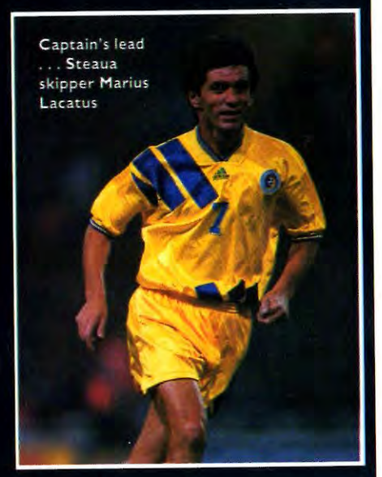


Captain's lead . . . Steaua skipper Marius Lacatus

Russia

Another Spartak soaraway

SPARTAK look likely to finish on top of the Russian League again – Spartak Vladikavkaz this time.

With 13 games to play, Moscow Spartak, winner of all three previous championships, are 11 points behind Vladikavkaz, whose brilliant record of 14 wins in 17 games is largely explained by good selection of players from different parts of the former Soviet Union and the methods of 41-year-old Valeri Gazzayev, manager since 1994.

In 1993 he resigned as Moscow Dynamo coach after the team's sensational 6-0 defeat by Eintracht Frankfurt in the Champions Cup.

The government of Northern Osetia are lavishly supporting the team, now the national pride of this republic in the South of Russia.

President Askharbek Galazov, a goalkeeper in his youth, is sponsoring the only international soccer tournament held in Russia – the President's Cup. Besides Spartak Vladikavkaz, this year's participants are Vasco da Gama (Brazil), Atletico Madrid (Spain) and Mechelen (Belgium).

Unlike other football stadiums in Russia today, the 35,000 seats at the Vladikavkaz arena are full at almost every game. Even the Moscow favourites, Spartak, draw no more than 20,000 to see a team rapidly recovering after a poor start.

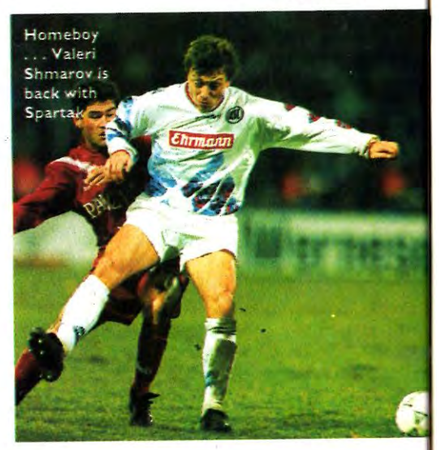
With the return of Valeri Shmarov, who spent a few seasons in Germany, Oleg Romantsev's team got the scorer they badly needed. Shmarov, whose great free-kick against Kiev Dynamo made Spartak the 1979 Soviet Union champions, scored seven in his first seven games.

While Moscow Spartak got Shmarov and Vladikavkaz acquired Russian international Sergei Gorlukovich (formerly with Bayer Uerdingen), one of the League's underdogs, Lokomotive of Nizhni Novgorod, were reinforced by a duet from Brazil.

Midfielder Luis Andre Da Silva not only scored in his first game in Russia, but also turned into the team's top playmaker.

His partner, striker Mario Dos Santos jnr, impressed the local fans with his great technical skills, but was shown a yellow card for his extravagant Brazilian-style celebration of Da Silva's goal.

VICTOR GUSEV



Homeboy . . . Valeri Shmarov is back with Spartak

Yugoslavia

The best go west

THREE of the best young internationals have left Yugoslavia for other European countries.

Partizan's powerful strikers – Savo Milosevic, 21, and Nenad Bjekovic, also 21 – plus Red Star's Macedonian-born libero Mitko Stojkovski, who is 22 – joined Aston Villa, Marseille and Real Oviedo respectively.

As expected, Slobodan Santrac, 49, has been officially appointed as national team manager. Miljan Miljanic, 65, retired as FA selector, but will continue to keep a prominent presidential post despite the fierce attacks conducted by certain parts of the media and Serbian FA officials.

Meanwhile, due to the UEFA decision to abolish all points previously belonging to former Yugoslavia, champions Red Star will face Neuchatel Xamax of Switzerland in the UEFA Cup qualifiying round.

This means that the new season's UEFA Cup will include 10 ex-European Champions Cup holders: Liverpool, Nottingham Forest, Manchester United, Benfica, Barcelona, Milan, Internazionale, Bayern Munich, PSV Eindhoven and Red Star Belgrade.

Obilic Belgrade are due to play Dinamo Batumi of Georgia in the Cup-winners Cup, but Partizan Belgrade and Vojvodina Novi Sad are unexpectedly out of Europe.

A light at the end of the three-year long embargo tunnel looks brighter after the news received from FIFA headquarters: Yugoslavia will be included in the next World Cup qualifying campaign.

MIROLJUB STOJKOVIC

Villa thriller . . . Savo Milosevic signs for Aston Villa

Ukraine

Kiev reprieved

AFTER winning the Ukranian championship for the third time in succession, Kiev Dynamo were resigned to competing in the UEFA Cup.

A change in UEFA's coefficient system placed Ukraine 25th among the contenders for the Champions League, consigning them to the UEFA Cup.

Dynamo officials fought a fierce rear-guard action and eventually UEFA agreed to let Kiev Dynamo compete in the Champions Cup in place of Red Star Belgrade.

While Kiev Dynamo officials were fighting for justice in Switzerland, players went on training sessions to Cyprus under a new coach. Nikolay Pavlov handed control back to Jozef Szabo. Pavloc will continue to coach, as Szabo's deputy.

Shakhtyor Donetsk and Chernomorets Odessa will compete in the Cup-winners Cup and UEFA Cup respectively.

● Top awards for last season were:

Best Coach: Leonid Buriyak of Chernomorets.
Best Player: Andrey Polunin of Dnipro.
Best Newcomer: 17-year-old Andrey Shevchenko from Kiev Dynamo.
Top Striker: Arsen Avakov (Torpedo Zaporizha).
Team of the Season: Shovkovsky (Kiev Dynamo), Vaschur (Kiev Dynamo), Golovko (Tavria), Skrypnik (Dnipro), Lyzhny (Kiev Dynamo), Polunin (Dnipro), Kalitvitsev (Kiev Dynamo), Maksimov (Kiev Dynamo), Zhabchenko (Chernomorets), Avakov (Torpedo), Gusseinov (Chernomorets).

OLEG ZADERNOVSKY

Hungary

Fradi hire Serbian firepower

CHAMPIONS Ferencvaros aim to field Serbian striker Zoran Kuntics in their European Champions Cup preliminary round ties against Anderlecht, of Belgium.

The green-and-whites were finalising the deal at press time to procure the 28-year-old who helped keep Parmalat in the First Division after joining them for the spring season.

He scored four goals in a brilliant display in the 6-3 win over defending champions Vac and managed 11 strikes in his 13 appearances.

The club from Szekesfehervar, previously named Videoton and UEFA Cup runners-up to Real Madrid in 1985, survived the relegation play-offs by beating Salgotarjan 2-1 on aggregate (1-0 away and 1-1 at home).

Vac themselves also retained top-flight status, seeing off BKV, the Budapest Transport Company club, with a 4-0 win at home before a 1-1 draw away.

MTK, who made an immediate return to the First Division by winning their Second Division group by 22 points, have lured two internationals – Bela Illes and Istvan Hamar – from Kispest-Honved. Those were two of a host of signings achieved by Bertalan Bicskei, a former national team manager.

BRIAN O'SULLIVAN

Bulgaria

NATIONAL team coach Dimitar Penev is preparing to take his side to Tirana for the Euro '96 qualifier with Albania.

Three points would virtually ensure the tickets for London regardless of what may happen in the late autumn in Georgia or Berlin.

Not much League football will have been played by the time of the Albanian visit, but Lok will have received Derry and been back to the Bogside in the Cup-winners Cup. Levski, Botev Plovdiv and Slavia will have all been in UEFA Cup action.

On the domestic front there are signs that things are beginning to move with the times at least at the four Sofia clubs, CSKA, Lok, Levski and Slavia. Supporters can now ring in to their club for the latest news 24 hours a day.

Fortunately, perhaps, the provincial club Montana does not yet offer such a service. Young defender Valery Borissov was involved in a fracas with a neighbour, who subsequently died in hospital, and is being charged with homicide.

BOB VAUGHAN

Czech Republic

THE start of the new League campaign was overshadowed by lingering doubts over last season's finish.

Sparta won the title and Slavia finished second after seemingly being in an unassailable position at the spring break.

The feeling that various influences were at work on the beautiful game was heightened by the late publication of fixture details, not to mention last minute changes and amendments around the last weekend in July.

At the bottom of it was Sparta's and Slavia's wish to be free as long as possible before European competition.

One of the most interested spectators of early season soccer will have been national coach Dusan Uhrin, who has to find the right blend for the crucial Euro '96 tie in Oslo.

Beacuse of the dropped point in Malta and the last-minute defeat by the only goal in Luxembourg, Uhrin may now need four points from the games with the Norwegians in Oslo and Prague, a win in Minsk and a goal riot against Luxembourg to be sure to pip Holland.

BOB VAUGHAN

Georgia

THE seventh season of the Georgian championship can be branded historic. For the first time three Georgian clubs take part in European competition.

Previously only Dynamo Tbilisi were allowed in, as champions, but this season runners-up Samtredia and Cup-finalists Dynamo Batumi are in as well.

The new coach of Dynamo Tbilisi, David Kipianai and the president, Merab Zordania, say the ambition is to get into the Champions League.

Samtredia's coach, Soviet national team captain of the 1960s, Mourtaz Khurtsilava, will be happy to see his club champions of Georgia.

The national squad have a decisive game against Germany in September. Coach Alexander Chivadze is left with only one domestic player – Kakha Gogichaishvili, who left Samtredia in July for Dynamo Tbilisi. Giorgi Nemsadze went to Hamburg, and Manchester City bought Giorgi Kinkladze.

DAVID MTCHEDLISHVIL

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Scotland

Who will be second?

Alan Fairley on the challenge to champions Rangers

PREVENTING Rangers from taking their eighth successive Scottish championship won't be easy. Here's a quick look at the champions, hopeful pretenders and hangers-on.

ABERDEEN: After their worst-ever season, in which they narrowly avoided relegation, they are looking to improve their tarnished image.

Manager Roy Aitken enters his first full season in charge and has been encouraged by the return to fitness of international strikers Eoin Jess and Scott Booth, but supporters remain concerned at the club's apparent reluctance to prevent defender Stephen Wright from being transferred to Rangers.

CELTIC: The euphoria after the Scottish Cup Final victory was quickly dampened by a much-publicised disagreement between chairman Fergus McCann and manager Tommy Burns.

This was followed by some abortive ventures into the European transfer market, with both Frenchman David Ginola and Belgian international Marc de Gryse rejecting Celtic and choosing to take their talents to England.

Eventually German stiker Andreas Thom was signed from Bayer Leverkusen and long-standing captain Paul McStay is confident that the current squad can present a challenge.

FALKIRK: The acquisition of striker Mo Johnston from Hearts in mid-season helped push Falkirk into fifth place, narrowly missing a European qualifying position.

However, any hopes of a repeat this season were dented when manager Jim Jefferies left to take over at Hearts – just two days after agreeing a seven-year contract at Brockville.

HEARTS: After scraping together just enough points to avoid relegation, the close season has been disastrous for Hearts, with a succession of stories concerning financial difficulties culminating in the manager Tommy McLean's departure after only one year in charge.

Hearts have no money to strengthen their squad but the arrival of Jim Jefferies from Falkirk will have brightened things up.

HIBERNIAN: They began well last season but a slumped around Christmas.Most of the financial resources are being channelled towards the redevelopment of Easter Road and, as a result, no new players have been recruited.

The current squad, however, includes established internationals such as Jim Leighton, Darren Jackson and Michael O'Neill and could be capable of aspiring to domestic honours.

KILMARNOCK: Although they finished the season towards the bottom of the table, Killie were never regarded as relegation contenders.

They have a strong, workmanlike squad who perform well as a unit and traditionally start strongly, with a tendency to gather enough points to create a cushion for the tougher times ahead.

Manager Alex Totten will be looking for inspiration from highly-rated striker John Henry, who joined the club from Clydebank last year.

PARTICK: Once again, Thistle produced their version of the Great Escape. They were marooned at the foot of the table halfway through the season, struck a rich seam of form early in 1995 and ended up comfortably avoiding relegation.

The club's summer-time involvement in the Intertoto Cup should ensure a suitable level of match fitness.

MOTHERWELL: They had another good season, finishing runners-up and again booking a place in the UEFA Cup. Many felt that they were the best footballing team in Scotland last year but they still lack that vital component that transforms challengers into champions.

Manager Alex McLeish, with a team built around internationals such as Tommy Coyne and Brian Martin, will be looking to push Rangers all the way.

RAITH: Coca-Cola Cup winners, First Division champions and now a maiden voyage into Europe.

Jimmy Nicholl's men will find it tough in the Premier Division, as they did two seasons ago, but European football at Starks Park should ensure plenty of interest.

RANGERS: The arrival of Paul Gascoigne *(left)*, along with Russian striker Oleg Salenko from Valencia and Serbian defender Gordan Petric (Dundee United), will surely see Rangers wrap up their eighth successive title.

The need to succeed in the Champions League now forms the cornerstone of the club's ambition and Gascoigne's role could be the key.

Northern Ireland

One will do for Walker

AS THE new season approaches, ambitious mid-Ulster clubs Glenavon and Portadown seem the most likely to mount the main challenge to champions Crusaders.

In the new Premier League format, each of the eight teams will play the others four times. The competition begins on September 30, and until then the traditional 'pipe-openers' to the season, the Ulster and Gold Cups, allow teams to play their way in, Premier and First Division teams opposing each other.

Roy Walker, whose Crusaders won the League by seven points from Glenavon, seems to believe in keeping a winning formula. To date he has made only one signing, 29-year-old full-back Trevor McMullan from Ballymena.

Glenavon manager Nigel Best, now eight months in office, has added 34-year-old former Derby City keeper Dermot O'Neil to his squad, with Nial Currie, 21, from his former club, Bangor, as back-up. To strengthen an at-times shaky defence he has added another former Bangor player, 'B' international Mark Glendinning, and Glentoran's Gary Smyth.

Portadown took advantage of an administrative slip-up by Cup holders Linfield to sign English-born striker Garry Haylock. He was rated by Linfield manager Trevor Anderson at £50,000 or more, but because the letter offering him terms for the new season was sent two days late he became a free agent, and Portadown signed him for nothing.

They also have signed Linfield midfielder Gary Peebles – though his fee will be decided by a tribunal – and Bangor's highly-rated goalkeeper, Tim Dalton.

Linfield have taken two Scottish-based players, defender Stuart McLean and forward Alan Ewing, from Coleraine but the demanding supporters at Windsor Park are hoping for a big signing before the season starts in earnest.

ROY KITSON

Wales

Caernarfon come back

REBEL CLUB Caernarfon Town are back in Welsh football. They suddenly decided to join the National League and were admitted at the 11th hour – a move of great political value to FIFA and UEFA.

There were two main reasons for the change of heart: the inevitability of a return, as per the FIFA directive forcing that to happen by 1997, and the refusal of much local sponsorship unless they played in the Welsh system.

The other clubs continue to defy FIFA and have said they have no intention of complying with the dictat, nor with the two-year ban on officials imposed by the world body. The English FA have withdrawn the clubs' membership and the FAW have yet to accept them as members. Further court action looms.

UEFA has now guaranteed Welsh club participation in Europe until 1997.

Meanwhile, last year's participants received a windfall with their share of the UEFA funds for clubs taking part in the competitions. Over £200,000 was shared between the three clubs, with champions Bangor City gaining over half. This year's qualifiers, Bangor City, Afan Lido and Wrexham, can look forward to a similar pay-out, even more if they progress beyond the preliminary round.

Domestic attention concentrated on the Intertoto Cup. Welsh representatives Ton Pentre, despite not winning a match, were very pleased with the venture, and manager John Emmanuel said:"English clubs decided to virtually ignore the competition but we have found it of great value. We are on a learning curve and the experience of playing skilful and tactically superior opposition has taught us an immense amount."

Bangor City have signed Mark Deegan from Oxford United to strengthen their squad for the European campaign. Deegan, formerly with Holywell Town, was one of the National League's best keepers during the inaugural 1992-93 season.

Barry Town signed Cohen Griffiths from Cardiff City in the face of English opposition.

As applications are received for the post of national team manager, some big names are being mentioned. Ex-Everton manager Howard Kendall, Coventry City's Ron Atkinson and Wrexham's Brian Flynn are among the favourites. Much will depend on whether the FAW decide on a return to a part-time arrangement.

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last of the big spenders

ROBERTO BAGGIO took the individual title, David Platt held on to the overall lead, while England perhaps edged the team event in what may be the last great summer transfer scramble of its kind.

Jean-Marc Bosman's landmark legal battle, in which the judge is due to deliver his opinion in mid-September, could blow the summer transfer frenzy away if he wins his case.

Bosman argues that transfer fees, at the end of a professional player's contract, should be ruled illegal. If he wins, we may never a gain see the sort of huge spending witnessed in recent years.

Baggio's £12.9m move from Juventus to Milan was the biggest individual deal of the summer, but Platt retained the overall highest total. His £4.75m move from Sampdoria to Arsenal means that he has been involved in deals totalling over £22m. Baggio is not far behind, with Portuguese winger Paulo Futre, another of Milan's big summer buys, a close third.

Milan also splashed out £10m on Liberian striker George Weah, but for once, the Italian teams had real competition from England and Germany. English clubs, riding the crest of a TV cash-backed wave, splashed out well over £75m during the summer months, with Stan Collymore's £8.5m move from Nottingham Forest to Liverpool the biggest of the lot. Newcastle laid out £12.5m on three players, Arsenal invested £12m on two, while Aston Villa parted with £10m. And at the time of going to press, cash-rich Manchester United and champions Blackburn had yet to make any plunge into the market.

Along with Platt, Ruud Gullit, Dennis Bergkamp, Paul Gascoigne and Andrea Silenzi were lured from Italian football, with Paul Ince the lone British player making his way to the Serie A.

Sampdoria's Christian Karembeu will become the first player from New Caledonia (a former French colony in the South Pacific) to play in Italy, while his new team-mate, Clarence Seedorf, becomes the world's costliest teenager following his £4.5m move from Ajax.

The Italians also had a busy time plundering South America, signing seven Latin players. Internazionale led the way with three Copa America stars: Roberto Carlos, Sebastian Rambert and Javier Zanetti.

In Spain, Barcelona's £4m move for Real Sociedad's Meho Kodro topped the list, while Real Madrid paid Real Zaragoza £3.3m for Juan Esnaider, the Argentinian striker Real sold to Zaragoza two years ago.

Tenerife, surprisingly, paid £3.3m for Real Oviedo's Yugoslav midfielder, Slavisa Jokanovic, while UEFA Cup entrants Real Betis signed Croat midfielder Robert Jarni from Juventus for £3m.

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GLOBAL TRANSFERS

(Loan moves in italics)

ABEL Xavier	*M*	*Benfica*	*Bari*
Joachim ACHEAMPONG	D	IFK Norrkoping	Real Sociedad
Kwame ADTEI	F	Ashante Kotoko (Gha)	GA Eagles
Paul AGOSTINO	F	Young Boys Bern	Bristol City
ALEXANDRE Da Silva	D	Bangu (Bra)	Atalanta
Petar ALEXANDROV	F	Neuchatel Xamax	Lucerne
Kennet ANDERSSON	F	Caen	Bari
Stipe ANDRIJASEVIC	M	Hajduk Split	Rayo Vallecano
Chris ARMSTRONG	F	Crystal Palace	Tottenham
Graham ARNOLD	F	Charleroi	NAC Breda
Roberto ASSIS	M	Sion	Sporting Lisbon
Dalian ATKINSON	F	Aston Villa	Fenerbahce
Andreas AUGUSTSSON	D	Helsingborgs	FC Twente
William AYACHE	D	Cannes	Strasbourg
Roberto Fabian AYALA	D	River Plate	Napoli
Roberto BAGGIO	F	Juventus	Milan
Junior BAIANO	M	Sao Paulo	Werder Bremen
Srdjan BAJCETIC	M	Red Star Belgrade	Celta Vigo
Jacek BAK	D	Lech Poznan	Lyon
Krasimir BALAKOV	F	Sporting Lisbon	VfB Stuttgart
Fabien BARTHEZ	G	Marseille	Monaco
Warren BARTON	D	Wimbledon	Newcastle Utd
Chris BART-WILLIAMS	M	Sheffield Wednesday	Nottm Forest
Gerard BATICLE	F	Auxerre	Strasbourg
Paul BEESLEY	D	Sheffield United	Leeds United
Aitor BEGUIRISTAIN	F	Barcelona	La Coruna
Ali BENARBIA	M	Martigues	Monaco
Miguel Angel BENITEZ	F	Atletico Madrid	Espanyol
Patrik BERGER	F	Slavia Prague	Borussia Dortmund
Dennis BERGKAMP	F	Internazionale	Arsenal
Giovanni BIA	D	Internazionale	Udinese
Leonardo BIAGGINI	M	Newell's Old Boys	Atletico Madrid
Emiliano BIGICA	M	Bari	Fiorentina
Joachim BJORKLUND	D	IFK Gothenburg	Vicenza
Laurent BLANC	D	St Etienne	Auxerre
Thierry BONALAIR	D	Lille	Neuchatel Xamax
Marco BOOGERS	F	Sparta Rotterdam	West Ham Utd
Daniel BORIMIROV	D	Levski Sofia	1860 Munich
Johnson BWALYA	M	Kriens	Lucerne
Jorge CADETE	F	Brescia	Sporting Lisbon
Paul CALIGIURI	D	Los Angeles Salsa	St Pauli
Aboubacar CAMARA	F	Saint Etienne	Lens
Kevin CAMPBELL	F	Arsenal	Nottm Forest
Claudio CANIGGIA	F	Benfica	Boca Juniors
Fabio CANNAVARO	D	Napoli	Parma
Benito CARBONE	F	Napoli	Internazionale
Rodolfo CARDOSO	F	SC Freiburg	Werder Bremen
Jimmy CARTER	F	Arsenal	Portsmouth
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Sasha CIRIC	F	Vardar Skopje	Aarau
Petar CISTIC	D	Partizan Belgrade	Antwerp
Patrick COLLOT	F	Martigues	Lille
Stan COLLYMORE	F	Nottingham Forest	Liverpool
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Gheorghe CRAIOVEANU	F	Universtitea Craiova	Real Sociedad
Andre CRUZ	D	Napoli	Standard Liege
Angel CUELLAR	F	Real Betis	Barcelona
Jean-Pierre CYPRIEN	D	Torino	Rennes
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Johnny EKSTROM	F	Dynamo Dresden	Eintracht Frankfurt
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Luis FIGO	F	Sporting Lisbon	Barcelona
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Edwin GORTER	M	Utrecht	Vitesse Arnhem
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Ruud GULLIT	F	Sampdoria	Chelsea
Marco HABER	M	Kaiserslautern	VfB Sttuugart
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Joszef KIPRICH	F	Feyenoord	Apoel Nicosia
Jurgen KLINSMANN	F	Tottenham	Bayern Munich
Meho KODRO	F	Real Sociedad	Barcelona
Ronald KOEMAN	D	Barcelona	Feyenoord
Jurgen KOHLER	D	Juventus	Borussia Dortmund
Phillip KOKU	M	Vitesse Arnhem	PSV Eindhoven
Antoine KOMBOUARE	D	Paris SG	Sion
Edie KRNCEVIC	F	Eendracht Aalst	Charleroi
Stefan KUNTZ	M	Kaiserslautern	Besiktas
Patrice LOKO	F	Nantes	Paris SG
Atillio LOMBARDO	M	Sampdoria	Juventus
Roger LUKAKU	F	Seraing	Ekeren
Danut LUPU	F	Brescia	Rapid Bucharest
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Frank PINGEL	F	Fenerbahce	Lille
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Stephane POUNEWATCHY	M	Martigues	Guegnon
Robert PROSINECKI	M	Real Oviedo	Barcelona
Markus PURK	F	Rapid Wien	Real Sociedad
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RUI AGUAS	M	Reggiana	Estrela Amadora
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Oleg SALENKO	F	Valencia	Rangers
Marcio SANTOS	D	Fiorentina	Ajax
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Stefan SCHWARZ	M	Arsenal	Fiorentina
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Didier SENAC	D	Bordeaux	Toulouse
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Donald SIE	F	ASEC Abidjan	FC Basle
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Dario SILVA	F	Penarol	Cagliari
Jose SINVAL	M	Servette	Merida
Miguel SOLER	M	Sevilla	Real Madrid
Juan Pablo SORIN	D	Argentinos Juniors	Juventus
Gareth SOUTHGATE	M	Crystal Palace	Aston Villa
Robert SPEHAR	F	Osijek	Club Brugge
Ilie STAN	M	Steaua Bucharest	Cercle Bruges
Mario STANIC	F	Benfica	Club Brugge
Bogdan STELEA	G	Samsunspor	Steaua Bucharest
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Igor STIMAC	D	Hajduk Split	Vicenza
Ovidiu STINGA	M	Universitatea Craiova	Salamanca
Ranko STOGIC	G	Charleroi	Antwerp
Hristo STOICHKOV	F	Barcelona	Parma
Mitko STOJKOVSKI	D	Red Star Belgrade	Real Oviedo
Giovanni STROPPA	M	Milan	Udinese
Thomas STRUNZ	M	VfB Stuttgart	Bayern Munich
Mohamed SYLLA	F	Willem II Tillburg	Martigues
Abdelhasid TASFAOUT	F	MC Oran (Alg)	Auxerre
Didier THOLOT	D	Martigues	Bordeaux
Andreas THOM	F	Bayer Leverkusen	Celtic
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Tsanko TZVETANOV	D	Levski Sofia	Waldhof Mannheim
Ismael URZAIZ	D	Compostela	Espanyol
Fuat USTA	M	Fortuna Sittard	Besiktas
Pascal VAHIRUA	F	Auxerre	Caen
VALDO	F	Paris SG	Benfica
John VAN DEN BROM	F	Ajax	Istanbulspor
Maurice VAN HAM	*M*	*Beveren*	*PAOK Salonika*
John VAN LOEN	F	Feyenoord	Sanfrecce Hiroshima
Tom VAN MOL	D	PSV Eindhoven	Lommel
Peter VAN VOSSEN	F	Ajax	Istanbulspor
Mirza VARESANOVIC	D	FK Sarajevo	Bordeaux
Barry VENISON	D	Newcastle Utd	Galatasaray
Philippe VERCRUYSSE	M	Metz	Sion
Frank VERLAAT	F	Auxerre	VfB Stuttgart
Yuri VERGUEITCHIK	M	Dinamo Minsk	RWD Molenbeek
Aurelio VIDMAR	F	Standard Liege	Feyenoord
Pietro VIERCHOWOD	D	Sampdoria	Juventus
Paulo Da Rosa VIOLA	F	Corinthians	Valencia
Eric VISCAAL	F	Gent	Grasshopper
Ion VLADIOU	F	Rapid Bucharest	Steaua Bucharest
George WEAH	F	Paris SG	Milan
Andrade WILLIAM	D	Benfica	Bastia
Clive WILSON	D	QPR	Tottenham
Stephen WRIGHT	D	Aberdeen	Rangers
Zlatko YANKOV	M	Levski Sofia	Bayer Uerdingen
Rashidi YEKINI	F	Vitoria Setubal	Sporting Gijon
Samir ZAMFIR	M	Electroputere Craiova	Martigues
Javier ZANETTI	D	Banfield (Arg)	Internazionale
Ned ZELIC	D	Borussia Dortmund	QPR
Itzhaq ZOHAR	M	Antwerp	Hapoel Tel Aviv
Clemens ZWIJNENBERG	D	FC Twente	Feyenoord

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Osvaldo ARDILES	*out of contract*	Guadalajara
Alan BALL	Southampton	Manchester City
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Leo BEENHAKKER	FC America (Mex)	Istanbulspor
Jan BOSKAMP	Anderlecht	*out of contract*
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Aad DE MOS	*out of contract*	Werder Bremen
Laszlo FAZEKAS	*out of contract*	Antwerp
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Jupp HEYNCKES	Eintracht Frankfurt	Tenerife
Brian HORTON	Manchester City	*out of contract*
Jozef JANKECH	Slovan Bratislava	Slovakia
Georges LEEKENS	Moeskroen	Charleroi
Roy MacFARLAND	Derby Co	Bolton
Dave MERRINGTON	Southampton reserves	Southampton
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Herbert NEUMANN	Vitesse Arnhem	Anderlecht
Carlos PARREIRA	Valencia	Fenerbahce
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Luka PERUZOVIC	Marseille	Charleroi
Victor PITURCA	Univ. Craiova	*out of contract*
David PLEAT	Luton Town	Sheffield Wednesday
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Wim RIJSBERGEN	Volendam	NAC Breda
Bruce RIOCH	Bolton Wanderers	Arsenal
Jim SMITH	*out of contract*	Derby County
Mike SMITH	Wales	*out of contract*
Graeme SOUNESS	*out of contract*	Galatasaray
Ronald SPELBOS	NAC Breda	Vitesse Arnhem
Jos DAERDEN	Beveren	*out of contract*
Dragoslav STEPANOVIC	Bayer Leverkusen	Athletic Bilbao
Jean TIGANA	Lyon	Monaco
TONI	Bordeaux	Sevilla
John TOSHACK	*out of contract*	La Coruna
Giovanni TRAPATTONI	Bayern Munich	Cagliari
Fernando VAZQUEZ	CD Lugo	Compostela
Jose Maria ZABALZA	Osasuna	Rayo Vallecano
Alberto ZACCHERONI	Cosenza	Udinese

Seventh heaven

Uruguay made it seven out of seven on home soil in the 1995 Copa America. Eric Weil reports on a penalty shoot-out victory for the hosts over Brazil

Copaholics . . . Francescoli celebrates with (left) Daniel Fonseca and (main pic) Marcelo Otero

WHILE FIFA deliberates how to do away with the penalty shoot-out to decide vital matches, yet another tournament has been decided by this method.

Uruguay beat Brazil 5-3 after a 1-1 draw in Montevideo to win their 14th South American Championship. This put them level with Argentina as leading winners in 37 editions of the event, generally known as the Copa America.

Whether Uruguay were the best team in a not-too-high standard tournament or whether home advantage swayed the balance slightly in their favour is debatable. Certainly there was nothing much to choose between the finalists.

Brazil, the favourites, dominated the first half, thanks mainly to Dunga's midfield control, for all but the first 10 minutes, and deservedly led at half-time through Tulio's 29th-minute goal.

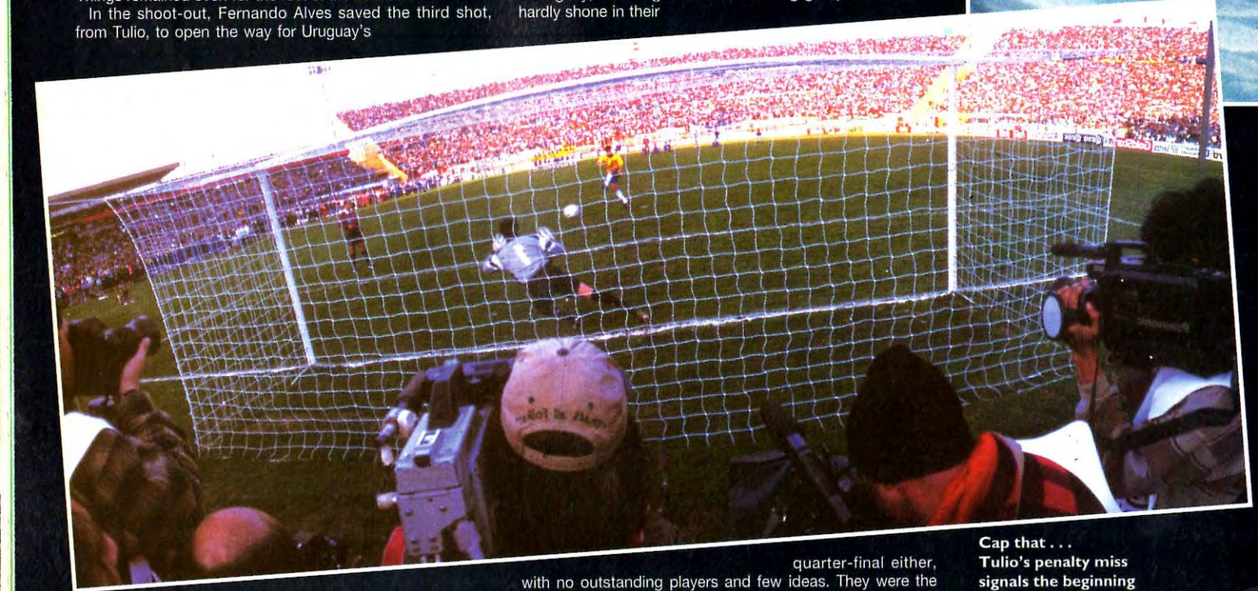
Things changed completely in the second half, when Uruguay replaced the half-fit Daniel Fonseca in attack with Sergio Martinez. After five minutes of Uruguayan domination, veteran Pablo Bengoechea equalised with a free-kick which was totally misjudged by Brazil keeper Taffarel. Things remained even for the rest of the 90 minutes.

In the shoot-out, Fernando Alves saved the third shot, from Tulio, to open the way for Uruguay's 5-3 penalty win. It was his last match, and before leaving the field to tremendous applause he hung his gloves on the goal net.

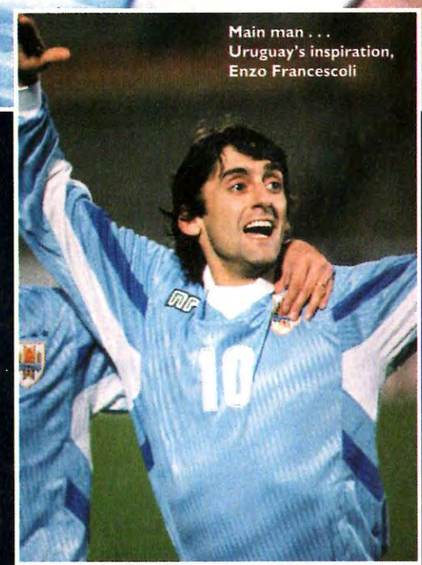
In the semi-finals, Uruguay had beaten Colombia 2-0 while showing their reliance on veteran Enzo Francescoli and lamenting the absence of the injured Fonseca. Colombia, with good ball play and midfield control, lacked punch in attack – their usual failing.

Brazil, meanwhile, repeated last year's 1-0 victory in the World Cup against the US to take their unbeaten streak to 25 games – their last defeat was against Germany in 1993 – although they had to withstand strong pressure by the more physical US team in the last 30 minutes.

Uruguay, following three unconvincing group matches, hardly shone in their quarter-final either, with no outstanding players and few ideas. They were the only clear winners at this stage – without a shoot-out – but after a good first-half they nearly squandered a 2-0 lead. Bolivia scored with 18 minutes left and then had enough chances to force a shoot-out.



Cap that . . . Tulio's penalty miss signals the beginning of the end for Brazil



Main man . . . Uruguay's inspiration, Enzo Francescoli

The Brazil-Argentina game will stay longest in my memory. The match, which was looked upon as a final, was dominated more by Brazil after Argentina were left with 10 men for the last 55 minutes, when Leonarda Astrada was sent off.

Yet Argentina were holding their own defensively and leading 2-1 with nine minutes to go. Then Tulio controlled the ball with a hand before putting it into the net for the equaliser. Everybody saw it except referee Alberto Tejada and the linesmen.

Perhaps things might have turned out differently if coach Passarella – who had erred in fielding reserves against the US to give them first place in group play – had not made another slip by sending on three substitutes which strengthened his defence and weakened his attack.

His team were holding out with 10 men and a one-goal lead, but 45 minutes is a long time to do that.

In the shoot-out, Argentinian goalkeeper Rolando Cristante stopped one shot, and his opposite number, Taffarel, saved two.

The other two quarter-finals also went to shoot-outs. Mexico and the US fought to a 0-0 draw, and then Brad Friedel saved two shots to help the US to a 4-1 victory. This put Mexico out of yet another tournament on penalties – as was the case in last year's World Cup and this year's Intercontinental Cup and Panamerican Games.

Colombia beat Paraguay 5-4 after a 1-1 draw in regulation time. Rene Higuita saved yet another penalty to make the difference.

The Colombians gained some measure of revenge for their World Cup defeat by the US last year, beating them 4-1 in the third place play-off.

US coach Steve Sampson lined up several reserves who had not played in the tournament before, but also attributed his team's poor showing to exhaustion.

THE FINAL

URUGUAY 1 — *Bengoechea 53*

BRAZIL 1 — *Tulio 30*

(Uruguay won 5-3 on pens)

JUL 23 – MONTEVIDEO

HT: 1-0. **Att:** 67,318. **Ref:** Pairetto (Ita)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 75,000.
Ref: Arturo Brizio (Mexico).
Shoot-out (Uruguay first):
Francescoli 1-0, Roberto Carlos 1-1; Bengoechea 2-1, Zinho 2-2; Herrera 3-2, Tulio saved 3-2; Gutierrez 4-2. Dunga 4-3; Martinez 5-3.
Uruguay: Alvez – Mendez, Moas, Herrera, T Silva (Adinolfi 32), A Gutierrez, Dorta (Bengoechea 46), Francescoli, Poyet, Fonseca (Martinez 46), M Otero.
Brazil: Taffarel – Jorginho, Aldair, Andre Cruz, Roberto Carlos, Cesar Sampaio, Dunga, Juninho (Beto 79), Zinho, Edmundo, Tulio.

SIDELINES

URUGUAYAN police took special precautions and had received Identikits and photos of Argentinian hooligans known to have gone to Uruguay for the Copa America, but they could not avoid street battles.

After the 4-0 victory over Chile in Paysandu, a 19-year-old youngster died after fierce street battles between San Lorenzo and Platense fans. Over 30 fans were arrested.

- GROUNDS were fairly empty for most matches – even hosts Uruguay could pack in only 32,000 for their opening match at the 75,000-capacity Centenario stadium.

The reason was tickets, the cheapest being $30. Many Uruguayans could not afford this, but the Uruguayan FA would not listen to protests and happily announced after the group games that (taking into account TV rights, advertising, etc.) they already had broken even.

TV sponsors and viewers were none too happy. FIFA prohibited live transmission of games inside Uruguay on commerical grounds. Then came complaints from advertisers because, in protest, TV stations were blotting out static advertising at stadiums.

- THE Paraguay-Venezuala first-round match in Maldonado attracted a crowd of less than 100. Torrential rain deterred all but the hardiest of fans. Those who did turn up got a soaking, and the Paraguayan fans behind one goal could barely raise their huge, rain-sodden banner when their team scored the winner.
- COLOMBIA'S Copa campaign was marred when a Colombian player was shot dead by unidentified gunmen in Medellin. Arley Rodriguez of Deportivo Independiente was shot dead when gunmen apparently tried to steal his motorcycle.
- ARGENTINA midfielder Diego Simeone became a father during the tournament, but turned down the chance to visit his wife and new child in hospital, preferring to stay with the Argentinian squad.
- EVEN if Argentina had won their group to avoid facing Brazil in the quarter-finals they still could not have avoided meeting them in the semi-finals. Brazilian coach Mario Zagalo complained that the draw favoured the hosts, but Uruguayan FA president Carlos Maresca replied: "Zagalo should know that the host team have to have the best chance to reach the final, otherwise economic results would be disastrous."
- ARGENTINIAN officials accused Brazilian FA president Ricardo Texeira of putting pressure on referees to favour Brazil in marginal decisions. They further accused the quarter-final referee, Alberto Tejada of Peru, who in the past had made doubtful decisions against Argentina. One suggestion was that Argentina should withdraw from CONMEBOL, the continental federation.

GROUP A

Easy but unimpressive

HOSTS and eventual champions Uruguay had an easy but unimpressive start, and were the first team to gain a quarter-final place with two victories in their first two games, in which they did not look at all like possible candidates.

Against Venezuela, the poor relations of South American soccer, Uruguay were leading only 2-1 while their rivals had 11 men on the field until the 56th minute. Then Venezuela's chief striker, Stalin Rivas, was sent off for foul play, and Uruguay scored two more goals in the last 15 minutes.

Then came the 1-0 victory over Paraguay, who tackled ferociously and dictated the pace for much of the game, but failed to create many scoring chances.

Uruguay were content to rely on counter-attacks and the ability of veteran Enzo Francescoli to worry the opposing defence – which he did when scoring the only goal after 14 minutes.

In Uruguay's third match, Mexico needed at least a point to qualify for the quarter-finals and got it in a drab 1-1 draw, in which the home team lined up several reserves.

Group A was set alight when Paraguay surprisingly beat Mexico 2-1. The latter, losing finalists at the last Copa America, were again seen as strong candidates, but realistically this was just another of a string of poor results.

Mexico's defence played well up with goalkeeper Jorge Campos a virtual libero behind them. It worked in the first half, which Mexico finished leading 1-0, but Paraguay pressed and overran them after the interval.

Matches in this group were close, with never more than one goal deciding results, except for two games against Venezuela, whose soccer still has a long way to go. This always seemed to indicate that three teams would qualify from this group – one among the two best third-placed teams.

But when already eliminated after two defeats, Venezuela played their best game (with Rivas back after suspension) to make Paraguay fight for the points they needed in a 3-2 win. Carlos Gamarra netted the decider eight minutes from the end.

GROUP C

Daniel makes a mess of it

DEFENDING champions Argentina should have won this group, but their coach, Daniel Passarella, underestimated the US team and handed them a 3-0 win while giving himself a tough quarter-final with Brazil.

Argentina had to fight hard to overcome a better-organised veteran Bolivian team. Only after the interval, when dangerous strike duo Gabriel Batistuta and Abel Balbo received better service, did these two manage to score for a 2-1 victory.

Batistutua's first goal was hotly contested, for hands, and Balbo's winner came only six minutes from the end.

Argentina's defence was weak, but they had little to worry about in the second match, a 4-0 victory over Chile settled with two goals in the first six minutes.

The US, meanwhile, with 19 of their 22-men squad from foreign clubs and lining up a team very similar to that in last year's World Cup, beat Chile 2-1 in an even match, but lost 1-0 to Bolivia, who had more of the ball and were skilfully led by scorer Marco Etcheverria.

This meant that both the US and Bolivia needed a draw in their final games to make sure of joining Argentina in the next round.

Argentina wanted to finish in first place in the group to avoid facing Brazil in the next round, and even a defeat by two goals would have left them at the top. This induced Passarella to make nine changes to give his first-teamers a rest and even though he sent on three of them later – two at half-time when the more practical US team were already two up – it was too late.

Bolivia, meanwhile, gained the necessary point by scoring twice in the last six minutes to hold Chile 2-2.

Pitch battle . . . Marcelo Gallardo battles against the Americans

GROUP B

Three wins mean little

BRAZIL were the only country to win all three group games, but with Peru and Ecuador very much the minnows of South American soccer and Colombia not having been able to make the changes required after their World Cup flop, the World Cup holders had little to beat.

Eight of last year's World Cup winners were in the squad, though not Romario and Bebeto.

Brazil did not play the quality football expected from them to lift this tournament's average standard, and in their opening game Ecuador (left with 10 men for the last 20 minutes) played the more enterprising soccer before going down 1-0.

Brazil were lucky, too, against Peru, scoring after 77 and 80 minutes – the first from a controversial penalty – to reach the quarter-finals.

Only in their third match, when they had qualified, did they play better soccer, but against an undisciplined Colombian side who did not mark them tightly, and were by then also sure of a quarter-final place. Colombia's Rene Higuita punched the ball into his own net following a corner six minutes from the end.

Colombia had gained their points in previous games against Peru and Ecuador, but showed lack of scoring power. Peru's defence was hard to overcome, and Brazil had to be satisfied with a 1-1 draw.

Ecuador's defence was weaker and ironically veterans Carlos Valderrama and scorer Fredy Rincon, who had flopped in the World Cup, were Colombia's outstanding players on the day. Also ironically, Ecuador were under Francisco Maturana, the Colombian coach who had been in charge of his country's team in last year's World Cup.

The match between Peru and Ecuador, two countries at war earlier this year – CONMEBOL had suggested moving them into different groups – went off without incident.

For Peru victory might have put them into the quarter-finals, but Ecuador won 2-1 and eliminated both teams.

Pile-up . . . the Brazilians celebrate

No go . . . Carlos Valderrama stops Paraguay's Villamayor

Extra Chile . . . Marcelo Salas beats Bolivian keeper Trucco

COPA QUOTES

"All that was missing was for the referee to applaud the goal." Uruguay coach Hector Nunez after Tulio's equaliser for Brazil against Argentina in the quarter-final.

"I have only one thing to say. The winners celebrate, the losers look for excuses." Brazilian captain Dunga on the same subject.

"Tulio's was an illegal goal of top pedigree, of untouchable respectability. I would let Tulio's goal marry my sister." Columnist Verissimo in *Jornal do Brasil*.

"We've won a football match, we haven't won a war." Ecuador coach Francisco Maturana after the 2-1 win over Peru, who earlier this year were Ecuador's opponents in an armed border conflict.

"The Uruguayan team did not arrive, the referees were not there and then the doorman told me the game was suspended." Mexico coach Miguel Mejia Baron after his country's match with Uruguay was suspended because of torrential rain.

GROUP A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
URUGUAY	3	2	1	0	5	1	7
PARAGUAY	3	2	0	1	5	4	6
MEXICO	3	1	1	1	4	3	4
Venezuela	3	0	0	3	4	10	0

05.07.95 ..... Uruguay 4 Venezuela 1
06.07.95 ..... Paraguay 2 Mexico 1
09.07.95 ..... Uruguay 1 Paraguay 0
09.07.95 ..... Mexico 3 Venezuela 1
12.07.95 .... Paraguay 3 Venezuela 2
13.07.95 ..... Uruguay 1 Mexico 1

GROUP B	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRAZIL	3	3	0	0	6	0	9
COLOMBIA	3	1	1	1	2	4	4
Ecuador	3	1	0	2	2	3	3
Peru	3	0	1	2	2	5	1

07.07.95 ..... Colombia 1 Peru 1
07.07.95 ..... Brazil 1 Ecuador 0
10.07.95 ..... Colombia 1 Ecuador 0
10.07.95 ..... Brazil 2 Peru 0
13.07.95 ..... Ecuador 2 Peru 1
13.07.95 ..... Brazil 3 Colombia 0

GROUP C	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
USA	3	2	0	1	5	2	6
ARGENTINA	3	2	0	1	6	4	6
BOLIVIA	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Chile	3	0	1	2	3	8	1

08.07.95 ..... United States 2 Chile 1
08.07.95 ..... Argentina 2 Bolivia 1
11.07.95 ... Bolivia 1 United States 0
11.07.95 ..... Argentina 4 Chile 0
14.07.95 ..... Chile 2 Bolivia 2
14.07.95 .. United States 3 Argentina 0

QUARTER-FINALS

16.07.95 ..... Colombia 1 Paraguay 1
(Colombia won 5-4 on pens)
16.07.95 ..... Uruguay 2 Bolivia 1
17.07.95 .. United States 0 Mexico 0
(United States won 4-1 on pens)
17.07.95 ..... Brazil 2 Argentina 2
(Brazil won 4-2 on pens)

SEMI-FINALS

19.07.95 ..... Colombia 0 Uruguay 2
20.07.95 ..... United States 0 Brazil 1

THIRD PLACE PLAY-OFF

22.07.95 .. Colombia 4 United States 1

THE FINAL

23.07.95 ..... Uruguay 1 Brazil 1
(Uruguay won 5-3 on pens)

1995 COPA AMERICA ALL-STAR XI

1 .... Brad **FRIEDEL** ..... US
2 .... Jose **CHAMOT** ..... Argenitna
3 .... Roberto **CARLOS** ..... Brazil
4 .... Gustavo **POYET** ..... Uruguay
5 .... **ALDAIR** ..... Brazil
6 .... Carlos **GAMARRA** ..... Paraguay
7 .... **JUNINHO** ..... Brazil
8 .... Marcelo **OTERO** ..... Uruguay
9 .... Fredy **RINCON** ..... Colombia
10 Gabriel **BATISTUTA** .... Argentina
11 Enzo **FRANCESCOLI** .... Uruguay

The new generation

Phil McVie on the young players bound for Europe who have given Argentina boss Daniel Passarella hope for the future

New era ... Argentina line up at the Copa America

BY THE time Daniel Passarella's Argentina met world champions Brazil in the Copa America quarter-finals, his starting 11 had only four players left belonging to Buenos Aires clubs.

The twin strike force, arguably the best in the world, was made up of Italian exiles Gabriel Batistuta and Abel Balbo – both products of the excellent Newell's Old Boys youth scheme.

Behind them were World Cup names Diego Simeone of Atletico Madrid, Jose Chamot of Lazio and Fernando Caceres of Real Zaragoza.

Passarella started last November with a squad made up almost entirely of raw, home-based youngsters. Only Nestor Fabbri, first choice at centre back alongside Fernando Caceres against the Brazilians, midfielder Hugo Perez and 1994 World Cup revelation Ariel Ortega had been capped.

Over a period of eight months and mixed results in the matches that really mattered, Passarella went whittling down the domestic contingent and filling the gaps with seasoned internationals.

But three players have stood out among the newcomers with one them a Copa America 'upstart'.

Juan Jose Borrelli was on holiday in Buenos Aires after a fine third season with his Greek club, Panathinaikos, when Passarella made an emergency phone call. Cristian Bassssedas of Velez Sarsfield, the only member of the World Club champions in his squad, was injured. Would Borrelli like to join up?

Right-back Javier Zanetti and central defender Roberto Ayala have been the steadiest of the players who have been in the squad throughout the short Passarella era – each has played in 15 of the new coach's 16 full internationals, plus all five of their Panamerican Games Under-23 matches.

One other, Independiente striker Sebastian Rambert, was dropped before the Copa America, but not before being scooped up along with Zanetti for a combined total of £4.4m by Internazionale, bidding to emerge from the shadow of their hugely successful neighbours Milan.

Zanetti might have been a senior team-mate of Rambert's much earlier in life. He was an Independiente reject as a 15-year-old, because of his size. A doctor shocked Javier's mother in 1986 with the bad news that her boy, the younger of two footballing brothers – Sergio has just signed for Racing Club – would have growth problems.

At 14, Zanetti was only 1.45 metres tall and weighed a mere 35 kilos (he now weights 72). His coach said he was called "wire shadow" because he was so small. But the coach also said it was obvious he would be a great player when he grew.

Zanetti was put on a diet of lentils, beans and milk.

"I never liked anything of what I had to eat, but my mother forced me to eat it. Every day she would weigh me and measure me, until when I was 16 I shot up," Zanetti said.

He says that he has good ball control and is good covering the whole right flank, getting to both penalty areas quickly. He can play at right-back or in midfield and prefers the latter because he sees more of the ball.

Most observers – and Passarella – prefer him as a back because of the element of surprise in his game when he breaks forward. Zanetti says he does not enjoy marking so much and needs to improve his heading.

His role models have been 1986 World Cup-winning midfielder Hector Enrique at home and "at international level I like the German Thomas Hassler. I try to copy things from them both to adapt to my game."

There was talk last year that Zanetti would be transferred to Sampdoria, while back home River Plate and Boca Juniors also showed interest. But Banfield's patience in waiting for a club who would meet their asking price was rewarded when Inter agreed to a fee of £2m (Rambert went for £2.4m).

Inter scout Luis Suarez, their brilliant former Spanish international, went to Argentina in March to watch Rambert and returned to Italy enthusing about Zanetti. When the club went back to buy Zanetti they decided to try for Rambert as well, hoping the asking price would not be too steep at a time when he was off form and recovering from knee surgery.

Roberto Ayala had considerable Argentina squad experience, having been included by Alfio Basile when he was still a teenage defender at Ferro Carril Oeste, before he was picked by Passarella at the start of the new chapter for Argentina's national team.

Passarella appeared to believe before naming his squad back in October that Indepediente's Pablo Rotchen was marginally better.

Injury, however, curtailed Rotchen's career – he has only one cap – while Ayala blossomed into a fine international defender with excellent timing and has become Argentina's captain.

Two of River Plate's Uruguayan greats rate Ayala highly. When Enzo Francescoli returned from Europe last year he said: "He's got everything, physically, technically and professionally. He can become the best defender of the decade."

Winger Walter Gomez, a star of River's 1940s 'Maquina' (machine), said: "He's a back like in the old times, who doesn't thump the ball and tries to come out playing."

Ayala first Argentina cap – the 3-0 win against Chile – reversed a negative trend in his debuts. In his first match for Ferro Carril Oeste, in February 1992, two months before his 19th birthday, he scored an own goal. His River Plate debut was a 2-1 home defeat.

His two big-time coaches – Carlos Griguol at Ferro and Passarella, who signed him for River for £800,000 and then took him to the national team – are advocates of the clean-cut image. But Ayala always wore his hair short, even before starting his First Division career.

Ayala, captain when River Plate won the First Division title in December, was brought up by his grandparents. His mother and father never married and did not live together long, but he sees them both regularly.

Rambert will be hoping his best form returns at Inter – or whichever club he is farmed out to initially – and leads him back to the Argentinian team and his plan to win the World Cup in France, the land of his forebears. His father Angel, although born in Argentina, played for France in the 1960s.

For Borrelli, the last-minute Copa America call-up was the fruit of his previous relationship with Passarella as both his team-mate and coach, plus good form with Panathinaikos last season.

It was also a wonderful opportunity to be back in training and playing with numerous former club colleagues, including good friend Leonardo Astrada, goalkeeper German Buros, Caceres, Balbo – with whom he showed good understanding on the field – and Gabriel Batistutua.

Borrelli has signed for another season with Panathinaikos, after which he has said he would like to return home, specifically to River Plate.

The surprise is that another River Plate star, midfielder schemer Ariel Ortega, although younger than the above four but already a World Cup player at 20 last year, should not yet have been whisked away by a European club.

The only concrete offer for Ortega seems to have come from promoted Italian Serie A club Vicenza. Their £1.75m bid was turned down by River Plate as being far too low.

ARGENTINA (coach Daniel Passarella)

GOALKEEPERS		
Carlos BOSSI	01.12.73	Estudiantes
German BURGOS	16.04.69	River Plate
Rolando CRISTANTE	16.09.69	Platense
DEFENDERS		
Ricardo ALTAMIRANO	12.12.65	River Plate
Roberto AYALA	14.04.73	Parma (Ita)
Fernando CACERES	07.02.69	Zaragoza (Spa)
Jose CHAMOT	17.05.69	Lazio (Ita)
Nestor FABBRI	29.04.68	Boca Juniors
Gabriel SCHURRER	16.08.71	Lanus
Javier ZANETTI	10.08.73	Inter (Ita)
MIDFIELDERS		
Leonardo ASTRADA	06.01.70	River Plate
Sergio VERTI	17.02.69	River Plate
Juan BORRELLI	08.10.70	Panathinaikos (Gre)
Marcelo ESCUDERO	25.07.72	Newell's
Marcelo ESPINA	28.04.67	Colo Colo (Chi)
Marcelo GALLARDO	18.01.76	River Plate
Diego SIMEONE	28.04.70	Atletico Madrid (Spa)
Hugo PEREZ	06.09.68	Sporting Gijon (Spa)
FORWARDS		
Alberto ACOSTA	23.08.66	Univ. Catolica (Chi)
Abel BALBO	01.06.66	Roma (Ita)
Gabriel BATISTUTA	01.02.69	Fiorentina (Ita)
Ariel ORTEGA	04.03.74	River Plate

BOLIVIA (coach Antonio Lopez)

GOALKEEPERS		
Mauricio SORIA	01.06.66	Bolivar
Marceloa TORRICO	11.01.72	The Strongest
Carlos TRUCCO	11.08.57	Pachuca (Mexico)
DEFENDERS		
Savino CASTILLO	11.07.70	Bolivar
Luis CRISTALDO	31.08.69	Bolivar
Juan Manuel PENA	17.01.73	Santa Fe (Col)
Gustavo QUINTEROS	15.02.65	San Lorenzo (Arg)
Miguel RIMBA	01.11.67	Bolivar
Juan RUIZ	14.08.68	Bolivar
Oscar SANCHEZ	16.07.71	The Strongest
Marco Antonio SANDY	29.08.71	Bolivar
MIDFIELDERS		
Robert ARTEAGA	10.02.73	The Strongest
Julio BALDIVIESO	12.12.72	Newell's Old Boys (Arg)
Carlos BORJA	15.12.56	Bolivar
Marco ETCHEVERRY	26.09.70	America (Col)
Milton MELGAR	20.09.59	Bolivar
Mauricio RAMOS	13.09.69	Bolivar
FORWARDS		
Demetrio ANGOLA	1966	Jorge Wilsterman
Raul MADEIROS	02.02.75	Hackem (Swe)
Miguel MERCADO	30.08.75	Bolivar
Alvaro PENA	11.01.65	Tulua (Col)
Berthy SUAREZ	24.06.69	Guabira

BRAZIL (coach Mario Zagalo)

GOALKEEPERS		
DANRLEI	18.04.73	Gremio
DIDA	07.10.73	Cruzeiro
TAFFAREL	08.05.66	Atletico Mineiro
DEFENDERS		
ALDAIR	30.11.65	Roma (Ita)
ANDRE CRUZ	20.09.68	Napoli (Ita)
JORGINHO	17.08.64	Kashima Antlers (Jap)
NARCISO	23.12.73	Santos
ROBERTO CARLOS	14.04.73	Palmeiras
RODRIGO	19.03.73	Bayer Leverkusen (Ger)
RONALDAO	19.09.65	Shimizu (Jap)
MIDFIELDERS		
BETO	07.01.75	Botafogo
CESAR SAMPAIO	31.03.68	Yokohama Flugels (Jap)
DUNGA	31.10.63	Jubilo Iwata (Jap)
LEANDRO	06.04.71	Vasco Da Gama
LEONARDO	05.09.69	Kashima Antlers (Jap)
JUNINHO	22.02.73	San Pablo
SOUZA	06.06.75	Corinthians
ZINHO	17.06.67	Yokohama Flugels (Jap)
FORWARDS		
EDMUNDO	02.04.71	Flamengo
RONALDO	22.09.76	PSV (Hol)
SAVIO	09.01.74	Flamengo
TULIO	02.02.69	Botafogo

CHILE (coach Xavier Azkargorta)

GOALKEEPERS		
Marco CORNEZ	15.10.58	Everton
Marcelo RAMIREZ	29.05.65	Colo Colo
DEFENDERS		
Cristian CASTANEDA	18.09.68	Univ de Chile
Ronald FUENTES	22.06.69	Univ de Chile
Javier MARGAS	10.05.69	Colo Colo
Gabriel MENDOZA	22.05.68	Colo Colo
Rodrigo PEREZ	19.08.73	O'Higgins
Migiel RAMIREZ	11.06.70	Colo Colo
Eduardo VILCHES	21.04.63	Necaxa (Mex)
MIDFIELDERS		
Clarence ACUNA	08.02.75	O'Higgins
Fabian ESTAY	05.10.68	Colo Colo
Pablo GALDAMES	26.06.74	Union Espanola
Fabian GUEVARA	22.06.68	Monterrey (Mex)
Patricio MARDONES	17.07.62	Univ de Chile
Nelson PARRAGUEZ	05.04.71	Univ Catolica
Jose SIERRA	05.12.68	San Pablo (Bra)
Esteban VALENCIA	08.01.72	Univ de Chile
FORWARDS		
Rodrigo BARRERA	30.03.70	Univ Catolica
Ivo BASAY	13.04.66	Necaxa (Mex)
Rodrigo RUIZ	10.05.72	Puebla (Mex)
Sebastian ROZENTAL	01.09.76	Univ Catolica
Marcelo SALAS	24.12.74	Univ de Chile

COLOMBIA (coach Hernan Dario Gomez)

GOALKEEPERS		
Miguel CALERO	14.04.71	Deportivo Cali
Oscar CORDOBA	03.02.70	America de Cali
Rene HIGUITA	28.08.66	Atletico Nacional
DEFENDERS		
Jorge BERMUDEZ	20.05.70	America de Cali
Wilmer CABRERA	15.09.67	America de Cali
James CARDONA	30.03.67	America de Cali
Francisco CASSIANI	22.04.68	Junior
Alexander FERNANDEZ	22.05.70	Medellin
Alexis MENDOZA	08.11.61	Junior
Jose SANTA	12.11.70	Atletico Nacional
MIDFIELDERS		
Leonel ALVAREZ	29.07.65	America de Cali
Herman GARIVIA	27.11.69	Atletico Nacional
Harold LOZANO	30.03.72	Palmeiras (Bra)
Bonner MOSQUERA	02.12.70	Millonarios
Luis QUINONEZ	05.10.68	Caldas
Fredy RINCON	14.08.66	Napoli (Ita)
Carlos VALDERRAMA	02.09.61	Junior
FORWARDS		
Niber ARBOLEDA	08.12.67	Deportivo Cali
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Ivan HURTADO	16.08.74	Emelec
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Holger QUINONES	18.09.62	Deportivo Pereira (Col)
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Hector CARABALI	15.02.72	Barcelona
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Oscar PEREZ	01.02.73	Cruz Azul
DEFENDERS		
Gerado ESQUIVEL	13.01.66	Necaxa
Raul GUTIERREZ	16.10.66	America
Juan de Dios RAMIREZ	08.03.69	UNAM
Claudio SUAREZ	17.12.68	UNAM
Manuel VIDRIO	23.08.72	Guadalajara
MIDFIELDERS		
Ignacio AMBRIZ	07.02.65	Necaxa
Marcelino BERNAL	27.05.62	Toluca
Alberto COYOTE	26.03.67	Guadalajara
Joaquin DEL OLMO	21.05.69	America
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Benjamin GALINDO	11.12.60	Santos
FORWARDS		
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Carlos HERMOSILLO	24.08.64	Cruz Azul
Manuel MARTINEZ	03.01.72	Guadalajara
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GOALKEEPERS		
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DEFENDERS		
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Carlos GAMARRA	17.02.71	Cerro Porteno
Juan Ramon JARA	06.08.70	Rosario Central
Osvaldo PERALTA	02.02.71	Guarani
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MIDFIELDERS		
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Francisco ARCE	02.04.69	Gremio (Bra)
Julio ENCISO	05.08.74	Cerro Porteno
Francisco ESTECHE	12.11.73	Olimpia
Virgilio FERREIRA	28.01.73	Cerro Porteno
Gutavo SOTELO	16.03.68	Cruzeiro (Bra)
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Jorge CAMPOS	11.08.70	Olimpia
Jose CARDOZA	19.03.71	Toluca (Mex)
Edgar DENIS	11.12.69	Cerro Cora
Adriano SAMANIEGO	1966	Olimpia

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Rafael QUESADA	1972	Ciclista Lima
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DEFENDERS		
Alfonso DULANTO	02.07.70	Universitario
Percy OLIVARES	05.07.70	Tenerife (Spa)
Juan REYNOSO	18.12.69	Cruz Azul (Mex)
Nolberto SOLANO	12.12.74	Sporting Cristal
Jorge SOTO	27.10.71	Sporting Cristal
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Roberto PALACIOS	28.12.72	Sporting Cristal
German PINILLOS	06.04.74	Sporting Cristal
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FORWARDS		
Ronald BARONI	08.04.66	Porto (Por)
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Jovan KIROVSKI	18.03.76	Man Utd (Eng)
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Rafael DUDAMEL	07.01.73	El Vigia
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Leonardo GONZALEZ	05.12.71	Trujillanos
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Elvis MARTINEZ	04.10.70	Caracas
Edson TORTOLERO	27.08.71	Minerven
MIDFIELDERS		
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Gerson DIAZ	11.02.72	Caracas
Sergio HERNANDEZ	11.01.71	Tachira
Alexander HEZZEL	12.08.64	Caracas
Marcos MATHIAS	12.05.70	Trujillanos
Gabriel MIRANDA	24.08.68	Caracas
Hector RIVAS	27.09.68	Maritimo
Edson RODRIGUEZ	24.07.70	Maritimo
Jesus VALBUENA	28.07.69	Trujillanos
FORWARDS		
Jose Luis DOLGETTA	01.08.70	Tachira
Juan GARCIA	16.04.70	Minerven
Dioni GUERRA	27.09.71	Minerven
Stalin RIVAS	05.08.71	Caracas

Gremio put the boot in

HOW LONG are Gremio going to be allowed to get away with it?

Having kicked and hacked their way to the final of the Copa Brasil (see August issue), they resumed their Libertadores Cup campaign with another display of unadulterated thuggery.

All the dirty tactics described last month were employed once again when Palmeiras, the Brazilian champions, visited Porto Alegre for their quarter-final first leg.

Gremio seemed intent on starting a fight and getting the police involved, to throw their opponents off balance. Against Corinthians in the final of the Copa Brasil, the ploy failed. The riot, as sure as water is wet, came in the second half, but Corinthians were unruffled. Against Palmeiras, sadly, it worked to full effect. Palmeiras had begun better but capitulated after the brawl had halted the game for 15 minutes midway through the first half.

Manager Carlos Alberto Silva claimed: "The Gremio players are encouraging the police to hit my players," and midfielder Amaral said: "All they want to do is fight."

The tactic of bringing on the police is so commonly used that the slightest hint of trouble on the pitch now creates a wave of expectancy among the Gremio crowd. When Penarol players started to argue with the referee during a Supercup match at Olimpico two years ago, the fans immediately began chanting: "Bring on the riot police."

This time, the riot started when Gremio midfielder Dinho, already sent off twice this year, butted Valber off the ball. Valber retaliated with a punch which left Dinho's face covered in blood. Both were sent off but Dinho set about continuing the feud off the pitch.

As the two crossed behind the goal, he aimed a kung-fu kick at Valber's head. Another man, unidentified, grabbed Valber round the waist, and Gremio goalkeeper Danriel then punched him while he was utterly defenceless.

Police, security men (identifiable by their jackets), club directors and substitutes joined in, the pitch was invaded, and play held up.

Palmeiras had had Rivaldo sent off in the 11th minute and fell apart after the restart, conceding two goals before half-time, which eventually came with 59 minutes on the clock. The fact that Gremio had only one red card was due exclusively to the pathetic performance of Brazilian referee Claudio Cerdeira.

Gremio went on to win 5-0, with Jardel grabbing all of their second-half goals against a disorientated defence. This must be one of the cheapest hat-tricks ever scored.

Naturally, the result left Palmeiras as good as eliminated. The club, founded by the Italian colony in Sao Paulo, have dominated Brazilian football for the past two years but have still to fulfil their ambition of an international title. Last year Sao Paulo knocked them out of the Libertadores in the quarter-final.

Amazingly, there are apologists for Gremio's style of play. Former Corinthians manager Mario Sergio, now a television commentator, believes it is something which should be copied by all Brazilian teams.

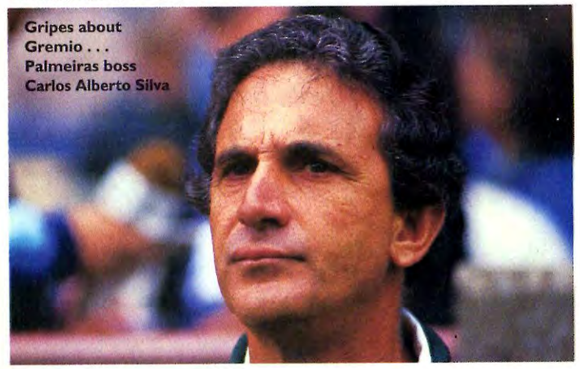
"A game is a war," he says. "Argentinian and Uruguayan teams have always won games this way. We have got to play hard. If teams play pretty football, they won't get anywhere.

"Palmeiras did not go to the Olimpico to play pretty football. They just went to play football."

● ROMARIO and Edmundo, the Flamengo strikers, have released a record. One of the songs on it is a big hit in Brazil: it's called *We're Bad*.

● MARACANA Stadium, thought to need an 80-million-dollar facelift, may be leased to private ownership by the Rio authorities.

BRIAN HOMEWOOD



Gripes about Gremio . . . Palmeiras boss Carlos Alberto Silva

MEN IN THE NEWS

New job . . . Ossie Ardiles is now coach of Guadalajara

OSSIE ARDILES . . . has a new job – as coach to Mexican club Guadalajara. Ardiles, a former World Cup winner as an Argentina player, was sacked as Tottenham coach last season.
He has signed a one-year contract with his new club, and says he wants to take them to another championship. Their last – No. 10 – was in 1987.

JAMES CHEEK . . . American Ambassador to Argentina, is a big fan of San Lorenzo, who won the closing championship, and goes to most of their games. But Cheek recently caused a row by criticising referees . . . then got out of it by saying that he had not seen any referees to match those in Argentina!

CLAUDIO CANIGGIA . . . who spent last season on loan to Benfica in Portugal, has returned to Argentina and joined Boca Juniors, with a TV company paying the transfer fee. Roma still held his registration.

ALBERTO ACOSTA . . . another former Argentinian international striker, has returned home, joining River Plate from Universidad Catolica of Chile.

RICARDO ECHEVARRIA . . . the PT coach with the past three Argentinian World Cup squads, has died at 58, after an operation on the pancreas. He had recently gone back to Buenos Aires after a spell with Atletico Madrid.

IN VENEZUELA . . . a court order has stopped the Venezuelan FA from entering clubs for continental tournaments such as the Libertadores and CONMEBOL cups as a result of a case brought by Maritimo. They qualified for last season's final round but were excluded because their stadium was not considered up to standard.

DIEGO MARADONA *(above with Claudio Caniggia)* **. . .** could not persuade FIFA to lift or reduce his suspension for drugs abuse, and will miss the first six matches of the new Argentinian championship. He is likely to make his debut for his new club Boca Juniors in a friendly on October 2.

Maradona has had an operation to remove a double chin, which became evident during his recent gain in weight.

IN ECUADOR . . . Barcelona of Guayaquil qualified for next year's Libertadores Cup by easily winning an opening tournament between the four top teams of the First Division. Other teams finishing level are due to play off for the second cup place.

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Esperance need more than hope

AFRICAN champions Esperance have face a tough task in defence of their Champions Cup title as the three African club competitions resume at the quarter-final stage.

The Tunisian team, who recently had their long reign as national champions ended and are going through something of an injury crisis, will meet Egyptian representatives Ismailia in the last eight.

Disposing of Ismailia should prove a job well within their capabilities, but what lies ahead for them is a real source for concern.

Unlike European competition, African draws are done like that of a tennis tournament, with teams able to plot who their potential opponents will be in following rounds. Esperance or Ismailia have been included in the top half of the Champions Cup draw, with ASEC Abidijan of Ivory Coast and the Ghanaian champions, Goldfields.

Both the Ivorian and Ghanaian teams carry considerable pedigree in this tournament and will give Esperance a testing encounter should they make it to the semi-finals.

Ghanaian and Ivorian clubs were banned from African competition last year after rioting in Abidjan followed a champions Cup match between ASEC and Asante Kotoko of Ghana in 1993.

More than 20 Ghanaian migrants were murdered in the Ivorian capital by mobs, frustrated by the narrow defeat of their team and reports of stonings of ASEC fans who had travelled by bus across the border to Kotoko.

The rift between the two countries has taken some time to heal and when ASEC travel again to Ghana there will certainly be an air of tension. But a massive police and military presence is expected to ensure that football proves the winner this time.

In the bottom half of the Champions Cup draw, newcomers Orlando Pirates of South Africa have been given an easy passage on the eve of the country's hosting of the African Nations Cup finals.

First they meet Mbilinga of Gabon, struggling to get match fit after the suspension of the Gabonese League in May, and should they prove successful they will play either Dynamos of Zimbabwe or Uganda's Express.

Pirates established their credentials with their second-round aggregate win over BCC Lions of Nigeria, and have bought extensively in order to become the first South African club to win a continental title.

But the sale of key midfielder John Moeti to Kayserispor in Turkey has left a big hole in their midfield, and given a glimmer of hope to their potential opponents in the competition.

African Cup-winners Cup holders Daring Club Motema Pembe of Zaire will be tested in the quarter-finals by Julius Berger, the last Nigerian team left in the three competitions.

The winner of that tie should go through to the final to meet Algeria's JS Kabylie of Ghana's Hearts of Oak, the strongest two teams in the bottom half of the draw.

The Confederation of African Football Cup has Kotoko as the favoured team, but they will first have to get past unpredictable AS Kaloum of Guinea, who caused a major first-round shock by beating Africa Sports of Ivory Coast.

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THE DRAWS

African Champions Cup

Quarter-finals (first legs: September 8-10; second legs: September 22-24)
Esperance (Tunisia) v Ismailia (Egypt)
Goldfields (Ghana) v ASEC Abidjan (Ivory Coast)
Mbilinga (Gabon) v Orlando Pirates (South Africa)
Express (Uganda) v Dynamos (Zimbabwe)

Semi-finals (first legs: October 13-15; second legs: October 27-29)
Esperance (Ismailia v Goldfields/ASEC Abidjan
Mbilinga/Orlando Pirates v Express/Dynamos

Africa Cup-winners Cup

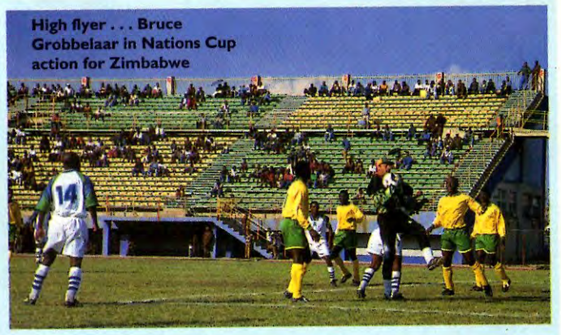
Quarter-finals (first legs: September 8-10; second legs: September 22-24)
Maxaquene (Mozambique) v AS Marsa (Tunisia)
Daring Club Motema Pembe (Zaire) v Julius Berger (Nigeria)
Blackpool (Zimbabwe) v Young Africans (Tanzania)
JS Kabylie (Algeria) v Hearts of Oak (Ghana)

Semi-finals (first legs: October 13-15; second legs: October 27-29)
Maxaquene/AS Marsa v Daring Club Motema Pembe/Julius Berger
Blackpool/Young Africans v JS Kabylie/Hearts of Oak

Confederation of African Football Cup

Quarter-finals (first legs: September 8-10; second legs: September 22-24)
Djoliba (Mali) v Inter Club (Congo)
Asante Kotoko (Ghana) v AS Kaloum (Guinea)ES Sahel (Tunisia) v Gerroviario Maputo (Mozambique)
Malindi (Tanzania) v Agaza Omnisport (Togo)

Semi-finals (first legs: October 13-15; second legs: October 27-29)
Djoliba/Inter Club v Asante Kotoko/AS Kaloum
ES Sahel/Ferroviario Maputo v Malindi/Agaza Omnisport



High flyer . . . Bruce Grobbelaar in Nations Cup action for Zimbabwe

'Plague' adds to Cup farce

QUALIFICATION for the African Nations Cup turned into a new farce as the competition to decide the 16 finalists for the tournament in SOUTH Africa next year drew to a close.

Problems over Lesotho and Niger added to the blight caused by eight withdrawals earlier in the competition.

Lesotho's case was the more serious, for it robbed Malawi, in particular, and Zimbabwe of a honest shot at a place in the finals. Lesotho refused to host Zaire in Maseru in their penultimate qualifier in Group One, because of a public outcry over admitting Zairians soon after the Ebola virus scare.

The outbreak of the deadly 'plague' virus in Kikwit, a provincial town some 200km from the capital Kinshasa in May caused more than 200 deaths and attracted massive international media attention.

Ten of Zimbabwe's top players, including all but one of their foreign exiles, decided not to travel to Kinshasa for a qualifying match in June, and Zimbabwe's second-string team were hammered 5-0 by Zaire, reviving their qualifying hopes.

The added publicity served to create a furore in Maseru ahead of the scheduled match in mid-July. Radio phone-in programmes were inundated with callers threatening to picket the airport to prevent the arrival of the Zairian team, most of whom play in Europe and would have been nowhere near the area of the virus outbreak.

The Lesotho government headed the public pressure and told the Football Association to forfeit the match. But under Nations Cup regulations, such forfeits meet with immediate expulsion and as a result all Lesotho's previous results in the group were cancelled and their last outing – in Malawi at the end of July – declared null and void.

Zimbabwe were a major loser in this case, having beaten Lesotho twice and scored seven goals against them without conceding any.

Suddenly they lost four points and went from having a healthy goal difference to being in the red.

Malawi and Zaire also lost two points, but Cameroon, the only side beaten by Lesotho, suddenly had their minimal qualification chances turned into a positively healthy position – and they added to their cause with a good 3-1 away win in Malawi.

Niger's withdrawal from Group Three over a dispute with the Confederation of African Football and did not effect Ghana's and Sierra Leone's qualification from that section – but did have the farcical effect of relegating Ghana to second position behind the Sierra Leoneans with one game left to play.

Ghana, ironically, had been group leaders from the first qualifying match and amassed the best record in the qualifying competition.

Niger refused to accept the appointment of referees from Togo for their game with the Congo and were disqualified. Togolese referees, according to the authorities in Niger, had shown a marked bias against their teams in previous matches.

The upshot of the whole sorry saga is the need for drastic rethinking by CAF over the rule expunging the records of teams who are disqualified or withdrawn.

In the case of Lesotho they should have awarded the game to Zaire by a 3-0 scoreline and allowed Malawi the relative ease of a last match with Lesotho.

Instead the Malawians are out – because of unfounded fears and prejudice on the part of others.

● South Africa will host a four-national tournament in November. Egypt, Zambia and Nigeria have been invited.

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EAST AFRICA

KENYA

GOR MAHIA and Rivatex are battling for the top place in the championship. Gor Mahia have a three-point lead after 19 games. Kenya Breweries and AFC Leopards are eight points behind.

ALGERIA

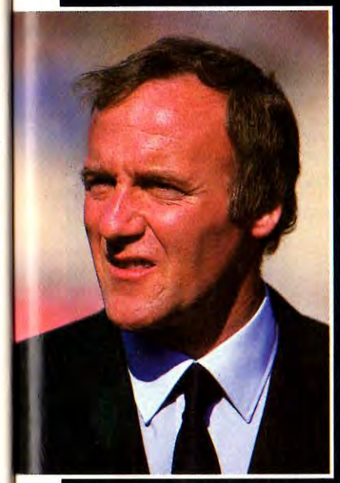
JS KABYLIE are the new champions, finishing four points ahead of MC Oran. Defending champions US Chaouia finished back in 11th place, losing points along the way when the federation refused to allow postponement of matches while they prepared for their campaign in the African Champions Cup. As a result, US Chaouia forfeited matches in the League.

CR Belouizdad, formerly CR Belcourt, won the Cup, coming from behind to beat Second Division Medea.

Veteran national team midfielder Cherif El Ouazzani is expected to return home next month to join Mouloudia Oran from his current employers, Raja Casablanca of Morocco. El Ouazzani is the only survivor in the current Algerian team from the side who won the Nations Cup in 1990.

EGYPT

AL AHLY, trained by British coach Allan Harris *(below)*, easily won their 26th title with an eight-point lead over Zamalek, who have signed Algerian striker Kamel Kaci Said for $130,000 after he scored the goal that gave Algeria a 1-1 draw with Egypt in their Nations Cup qualifier. The national team will play Italy in Cairo on November 7.



MOROCCO

CD MEKNES completed a rare double by winning the championship in their first season after gaining promotion. They finished with 66 points from 30 games, one more than Olympic Casablanca, Kawkab Marrkesh and Royal Armed Forces. Fath Rabat won the Throne Cup with a 2-0 win in the final over Olympique Khouribga.

TUNISIA

CS SFAXIEN have won the title for the sixth time, and ended the dominance of current African champions Esperance. Sfaxien ended on 38 points from 26 matches, one more than Esperance and Etoile Sahel. OC Kerkenah and Sfax Railway Club were relegated, and will be replaced next season by Sportif de Gabes and Co Transports. French trainer Jean Serafin joins fourth-placed Club Africain this month, on a one-year contract.

WEST AFRICA

GHANA

OBUASI GOLDFIELDS retained the championship with 38 points, two more than RTU and five more than Kotoko, the long-time dominant force in Ghanaian football. Okwawu United's Charles Amoah was leading scorer in the League with nine goals. BA United and Cornerstone have been relegated.

NIGERIA

SHOOTING STARS opened up a three-point lead at the top, from unfashionable Udoji United. But Julius Berger could launch a late rally, as they have games in hand. Defending champions BCC Lions are nine points off the pace while former triple champions Iwuanyanwu Nationale are bringing up the rear. Udoji United's 21-year-old striker, Chukwu Ndukwe, is the leading scorer in the competition with 10 goals, and won a first cap in the US Cup tournament.

SOUTHERN AFRICA

BOTSWANA

SAXON KHOWA has taken over from Zambian Freddie Mwila as national team coach after Botswana's disappointing results in the Nations Cup qualifiers. Botswana failed to win a single match in Group Six. Khowa is a former coach of the country's Olympic team.

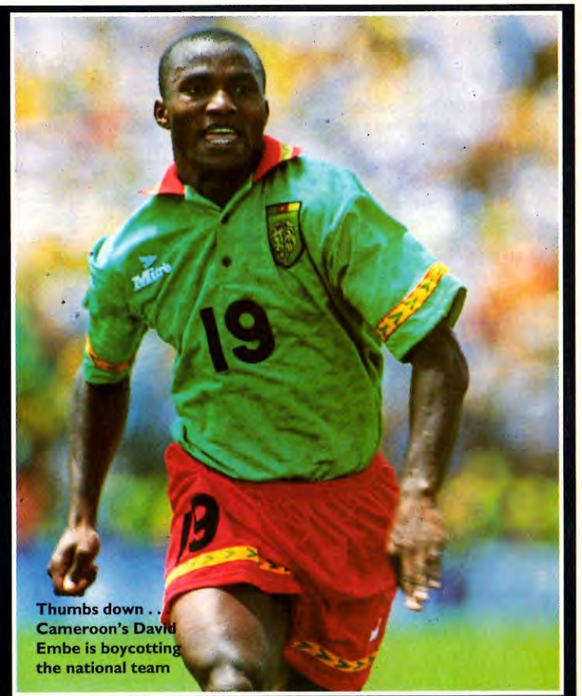
ZAMBIA

MUFULIRA, where former African Footballer of the Year Kalusha Bwalya made his name, are top of the table with 25 points from 11 games, followed by Strike Rovers (20 from 12).

Defending champions Power Dynamos lurk ominously with 17 points from seven matches, their campaign having been disrupted by campaigning in African competition and calls on players for the national and Olympic teams.

ZIMBABWE

BLACKPOOL, who have got through to the quarter-finals of the Cup-winners Cup, have a one-point lead over Highlanders, after 14 matches. Reigning champions Dynamos are a further three points behind.



Thumbs down . . . Cameroon's David Embe is boycotting the national team

CENTRAL AFRICA

ANGOLA

PROVINCIAL teams Progresso and Independent Tombwa from Namibie on the southern coast are the leaders at the halfway point of the championship race.

Perennial favourites Petro Atletico and Primiero Agosto from the capital, Luanda, are within four points of the leaders.

CAMEROON

THE continuing row over the government's decision to sack the soccer federation and concern over financial irregularities led to a two-month strike by the 16 First Division clubs, furious after an allegedly false financial statement was handed to the congress of FECAFOOT, the national federation.

As a result, top strikers Francois Omam-Biyik (based in Mexico with America) and David Embe of Greek-based Larissa refused to play in vital African Nations Cup qualifying matches, against Malawi and Zimbabwe.

At the resumption, Prevoyance Yaounde had a two-point lead over Racing Bafoussam, Canon Yaounde and Stade Yaounde.

CONGO

THE national team have been dissolved since the defeat by Sierra Leone in April, and Congo used their Under-23 side for their final match in the African Nations Cup qualifiers, against Ghana.

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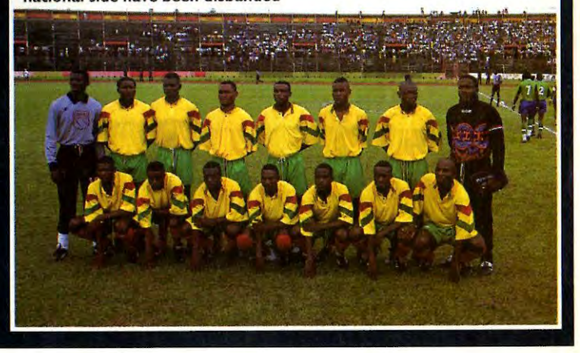
Breaking up . . . the Congo national side have been disbanded



UNITED STATES

Sampson gets the nod

STEVE SAMPSON has had only one job where he was top man – and that was when he spent five years in charge of a university's soccer activities.

All his other coaching experience has been gained as No. 2, or lower.

But now he has taken over as national team coach in the United States, in succession to Bora Milutinovic.

There was little doubt about Sampson's right to be given the post after he had achieved a string of excellent results while acting in a caretaker capacity.

According to Hank Steinbrecher, secretary of the US Soccer Federation, his office had been swamped with letters in recent weeks, and 80 per cent of them wanted Sampson to be confirmed in the job.

Federation president Alan Rothenberg said: "We all know that results can be misleading. But we soon realised that Steve was not a one-game or two-game fluke.

"We were most impressed by the way the team played under Steve. "

Rothenberg had wanted yet another foreign coach – Sampson is the first native-born American to have the job since Al Miller 20 years ago – but he has now changed his mind.

Sampson, 38, led his squad to victory in the US Cup against Nigeria, Mexico and Colombia, and then to the semi-finals of the recent Copa America, winning many admirers by his reliance on open, attacking football.

His five years at Santa Clara University in California, including a US College title in 1989, were an invaluable experience, he says. "I think I understand the American player and the difficulties he has to face," he adds. "And I know how to motivate."

Striker Roy Wegerle agrees, and says: "Steve has won the respect of the players. He asks us for opinions, whereas Milutinovic was conservative, always doing things his way."

Sampson's contract lasts "at least until after the 1998 World Cup."

GLEN POULTER

New boss . . . Steve Sampson has been confirmed as US national coach

MEXICO

MEXICO, having had 23 national managers, are now looking for a 24th.

Miguel Mejia Baron, who took over in December 1992, replacing Cesar Luis Menotti, has reached the end of a controversial reign.

Mejia Baron had been a lacklustre player for Pumas UNAM, and was never called for the national team. Later, he served a term as administrative assistant for the Mexican squad in the 1986 World Cup under Bora Milutinovic, and immediately afterwards under Mario Velarde.

His appointment followed the trend that has characterised the Mexican managers: the officers of the Mexican Federation, from Canedo onwards, have always liked to have a scape-goat, to divert the attention of fans and media alike when things go wrong.

In Canedo's era – better remembered for the manipulation of birth certificates in the Under-21 team that caused a FIFA suspension – it was Velarde and then Lapuente.

Mejia Baron's tenure lasted 54 matches; he won 27 and lost 14. He had inherited a team with a lot of promise, and while he maintained the basic line-up, things worked out well: a brilliant victory in the Copa De Oro and the qualification for the World Cup; a second place in the 1993 Copa America in Ecuador; advancing to quarter-final in USA '94.

But Mejia Baron lacked the courage to make changes in extra time of that game, when it was obvious that the Bulgarians did not have the necessary physical condition, and the match could have been won by fielding Hugo Sanchez and Hermosillo.

Bulgaria survived and went on to win a penalty shoot-out. That was the beginning of the end for a manager who adopted a ridiculous attitude towards the media, answering questions with ironic comments, and showed immaturity in handling the team, developing his own favourites. As a consequence he has had one year of bad press, aggravated by failure in the USA Cup and the 4-0 thrashing against the US.

In the Copa America, and even before that, he kept experimenting, breaking the harmony of the team and creating ill feeling among players.

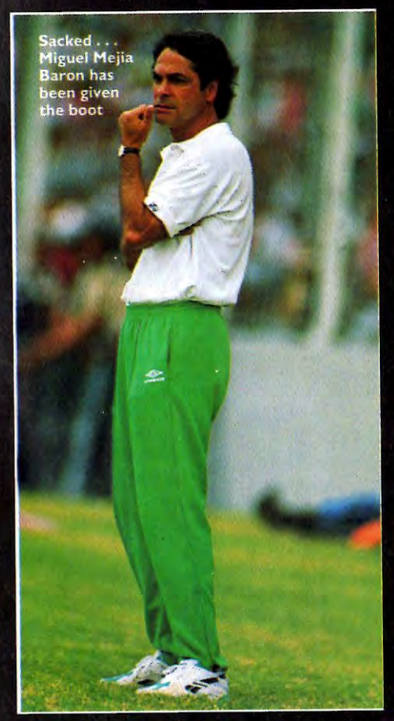
Curiously enough, in the latest Copa America, Mexico reached the quarter-finals in spite of playing poorly. But Miguel knew that another defeat against the USA meant the end. And the 'puntilla' (a Mexican expression derived from the final thrust against the dying bull) has duly arrived.

In a country with only 469 international matches in more than 75 years, playing in a region with weak opponents, it is difficult to understand why we have had 23 managers.

The best Mexican sides were coached by foreigners: Alfred Crowle, an Englishman in 1935; Gyula Orth, Hungarian, in 1947; and the Argentinians Alejandro Scopelli and Cesar Luis Menotti.

Mejia Baron had a contract until 1998, but his pay-off for its early termination is less than the 700,000 US dollars reported in the local media.

Controversial striker Hugo Sanchez, one of his fiercest critics, could take over Baron's job.



Sacked . . . Miguel Mejia Baron has been given the boot

CENTRAL AMERICA

THE presidents of Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica and Nicaragua met when Guatemala beat a Rest of Central America team 2-1, and expressed interest in the formation of a Central American Confederation.

HONDURAS

VICTORIA took the championship for the first time, after winning the triangular final round and then beating Olimpia, winners of the regular championship, in a two-match playoff (0-0, 1-0).

EL SALVADOR

FAS won their 10th title, the first in 11 years, beating Luis Angel Firpo, on aggregate. Argentinian striker Fulgencio Bordon scored a hat-trick in the last 25 minutes of the second leg, which FAS won 3-1 after losing 2-1 in the first.

GUATEMALA

THE Cup tournament has started with the 12 First Division teams split in three first-round groups.

COSTA RICA

SAPRISSA lost 1-0 to Liga Deportiva Alajuelenese in the second leg of the playoff, but clinched the title on goal difference, having won the away leg 3-1.

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Velappan predicts end to match-fixing

ASIA'S top soccer official has predicted an end to match-fixing in the region after a key committee of the Asian game's ruling body endorsed a radical plan to reshape the sport in Southeast Asia.

AFC general secretary Peter Velappan said: "At last I am happy to report that we are beginning to turn the tables on the bookies."

He was speaking at the launch of an AFC document which reported that players faced a lack of security, had poor discipline and moral values and were subject to harassment from bookies.

The AFC has drawn up an 11-step programme to fight match-fixing with a heavy emphasis on improving players' welfare. Among the proposed steps were legal employment contracts, strict enforcement of financial obligations to players, a code of ethics and moral education for players and officials, recognition given to outstanding football achievements and a life ban and imprisonment for anybody involved in match-fixing.

The approach represents an about-face in the way Asian football deals with bookies, who seek to control match results by bribing players. Previous initiatives have focussed on punishing players as a deterrent.

Velappan, who has in the past likened Asian betting syndicates to multinational companies in their scope and influence, said the new carrot-and-stick approach would pay dividends. "We feel these are bold and courageous steps but we have to fight this fight to win because the problem is quite rampant," he said.

JONATHAN SHALLARD

Fixing the fixers . . . AFC general secretary Peter Velappan

SINGAPORE

Joo follows J.League lead

SOCCER authorities in Singapore are to planning a new professional set-up, on the lines of Japan's J.League, despite the furore over match-fixing that continues to drag on.

Kwek Leng Joo, a businessman who deals in property, is chairman of Singapore Professional Football League Ltd, and he says: "We are aiming for quality in players, teams, competition and performances.

"We have adopted the J-League as our model, with some necessary tuning to meet the different circumstances."

Around $5.7m will be allocated for the first season, and the organisers are hoping for an influx of foreign-born players – perhaps up to seven per team, according to Joo.

The latest twist in the match-fixing spiral concerns former Singapore national striker Abbas Saad, aged 27, who had been found guilty of conspiring to fix seven matches in the Malaysian Premier League, and fined.

He has now been cleared of an allegation that he criminally intimidated a Singapore FA official, but his appeal against the earlier conviction and fine has been rejected.

Abbas has now left Singapore to return to Australia, where he played for some years.

"I'm happy to accept what happened and go on with my life," he said.

The Malaysian FA and the country's Sports Ministry are determined to stamp out corruption in soccer, and have decided that any player found guilty of fixing results will be banned for life.

The steps they are taking include setting up a "bribery watch" group of former players who will look at videos of matches in the hope of spotting suspicious acts.

The FAM also are looking into the possibility of bringing civil action against players convicted in cases which arose last year: 21 have been ordered out of the country and 58 have been suspended. Now six members of the Sabah club, holders of the Malaysian Cup, have been arrested in a recent swoop.

On the pitch, Selangor led the table with 38 points from 17 games. Pahang were second with 34 from 16.

Match-fixing has now spread to Vietnam, were five clubs have been accused of rigging certain results. Eight Danang players admitted accepting bribes, and two other clubs, Saigon Port and Long An, have withdrawn from the Asian Club and the Asian Cup-winners Cup respectively.

● Majed Abdullah was been named Asian Footballer of the Month for June after coming out of retirement to help Al Nasr of Saudi Arabia.

AZAM MAHMOOD

INDIA

Mills grind their way to success

THE Federation Cup, India's premier club tournament, has found a new home in Phagwara, Punjab.

The JCT Mills team came out on top of a gruelling tournament, playing six games in 16 days and eventually beating East Bengal 7-6 on penalties in the final.

JCY and East Bengal had finished first and second in their qualifying group respectively, and went into the semi-finals against Mohun Bagan and Mohammedan Sporting, the top teams from the second section.

Three of those four are the dominant forces in Indian soccer, but JCT – Jagathjit Cotton and Textile Mills – brought off a deserved if surprising success and took the trophy for the first time.

Mohun Bagan, who had won the Federation Cup seven times, the last three in succession, lost 2-1 to East Bengal in a disappointing semi-final, after both teams had had a man sent off.

The other semi-final had the same score but was much more exciting, JCT coming from behind to beat Mohammedan SC with a goal from Vijayan in the last seconds.

In the final, played before a 62,000 crowd in Calcutta, JCT again hit back from one down, with Baichung Bhutia equalising after Bahadur Singh had deflected a shot into his own net and put the Bengalis in front.

There was no further score, not even in extra time, but East Bengal's hopes of a fourth Federation Cup triumph were ruined in the penalty shoot-out, which JCT took 7-6.

● The other clubs taking part were:
Indian Bank (Madras)
Salgaocar SC (Goa)
Punjab Police,
Titanium (Kerala)
Dempo SC (Goa)
Churchill Bros (Bombay)
Kerala Police (Bombay)
Air India (Bombay).

● EAST BENGAL won the McDowell Cup by beating an Indian FA XI 4-0, with Bhutia scoring a hat-trick after Biswas had started the scoring.

● DEMPO beat Salgaokar 2-0 to win Goa's top trophy, the Bandodkar Gold Cup.

G. C. DAS

QATAR

AL ITTIHAD won the Emir's Cup for the first time, thanks to international Mahmoud Soufi's goal in the 72nd minute.

Al Wakra went ahead through veteran Mansour Muftah in the 30th minute, but Adel Aman equalised soon after the interval.

This was Al Wakra's fifth final, but they have never won. In contrast, it was Al Ittihad's first final.

IRAQ

THE Olympic team have begun preparations for the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games qualifiers under Anwar Jassam, who coached Al Zawraa to the League and Cup double this season.

His side will be able to play twice at home in Baghdad, where they will receive Jordan and Qatar, following approval from the FIFA executive committee.

PALESTINE

AL FAYSALI of Jordan made a trip to the Gaza Strip, the first in 30 years, and beat Palestine SC 3-0 before 15,000 fans, including Yasser Arafat.

FIFA will discuss Palestine's proposed affiliation to the world governing body during the Olympic Games tournament.

KUWAIT

QAZMA won the Emir's Cup for the fourth time in their history, beating favourites Al Arabi 1-0 in the final.

Czech Milan Macala's first season with the club was a huge success. Qazma won the Gulf Co-operation Council championship, clinched the Crown Prince Cup, 4-1 against Al Qadsia, finished third in the League, and ended as Emir's Cup winners.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

AL AIN recorded five wins and five draws to win the first Super Cup, one point ahead of Sharjah.

Al Ain, who lost the League title to Al Shabab, sacked Brazilian coach Amarildo at the end of their League campaign. Egyptian Shaker Abdulfattah led them to the trophy as caretaker manager and his side are on the verge of reaching the Emir's Cup Final. The other semi-finalists are Al Wasl, Sharjah and Al Nasr.

LEBANON

A GOAL by international midfielder Jamal Taha midway through the second half was enough for Al Ansar to clinch the FA Cup against Safa.

Yet another impressive double means that the club have won 13 trophies in the past seven seasons – seven successive League tiles and six FA Cups.

During their latest Cup campaign, Al Ansar won all six matches without conceding a goal.

They will compete against Sharjah of the United Arab Emirates in the first round of the 1995 Asian Cup, while Safa will represent the Lebanon in the Cup-winners Cup.

BAHRAIN

EAST RIFAA will host the 13th Gulf Co-Operation Council Championship.

Teams taking part include: Al Nasr (Saudi Arabia), Zofar (Oman), Al Rayyan (Qatar), Al Salmiya (Kuwait), and Sharjah (United Arab Emirates), from October 30 to November 10.

SAUDI ARABIA

THE Desert Warrior, 37-year-old Majed Abdullah, netted twice in the final play-off for the Saudi Arabian championship, to give Al Nasr a memorable 3-1 victory over Al Hilal.

Now both clubs have won the title five times.

Al Hilal topped the table at the end of the second stage and went on to the final by beating Al Riyadh 1-0 in the play-off semi-final. Al Nasr, who finished fourth, overcame runners-up Al Ittifaw 2-1 in the other fixture.

According to FA rules, both sides from the capital, Riyadh, had to play the final away, this time in Jeddah, and KIng Fahd was among the 50,000 crammed in the Youth Welfare Stadium, transmitted live throughout the Arab world.

Abdullah scored with a glancing header in the fifth minute, and team-mate Mohaysen Al-Jamaan increased the score in the 30th, with an individual effort. Mansour Al-Mowayneh hit back for Al Hilal on the stroke of half-time but Abdullah sealed his side's victory in the 66th minute.

Remarkably, Al Nasr had four coaches during the season. Youssouf Khamis was the lucky one to win the final, following the successive sackings of Henri Michel, Ivo Borkibo and Nasser Jawhar.

MOHAMED CHBARO

BANGLADESH

SEVEN victories in 13 Federation Cup tournaments – that's the record held by Mohammedan Sporting Club in Bangladesh.

They won for the seventh time by beating Abahani 6-5 on penalties after a goalless draw in Dhaka.

The first 'golden goals' in Bangladesh soccer history were needed in the semi-finals, with MSC winning 1-0 against Brothers Union and Abahani beating Muktijoddha 2-1.

MSC also top the 10-club Lifebuoy Premier Division.

G.C DAS

MALYASIA

MALAYSIA'S highest-paid player, Azman Adnan, has been suspended from the national team for a year and five of his team-mates six months for breaking curfew and leaving the squad's training camp.

"We have to teach them a lesson as we do not want this kind of attitude to be followed by other players in future," said Malaysian Football Association Disciplinary Board chairman Zaman Khan.

The six reportedly left the camp after midnight to go to a disco. The players were among a squad of 20 that trained in the Malaysian capital in preparation for the six-nation Merdeka (Independence) Anniversary Football Championship in July in Kuala Lumpur.

Zaman said Azman got the heavier punishment because he did not reveal details of what he had done.

JONATHAN SHALLARD

INDONESIA

THE League season reaches its climax with the four top teams from the Eastern and Western groups going in to the play-offs.

Runaway Eastern leaders Pelita Jaya join Bandung Raya and Pupuk Kaltim in Group A, along with Gelawa Dewata or Barito Putra.

Group B pits Western winners Petrokimia against Assyabaab SGS, Persib Bandung and Medan Jaya.

TAI WAI CHEUNG

SOUTH KOREA

Ilhwa chasing a treble

FANS of Seoul-based Ilhwa Chunma would love nothing more than to celebrate a hat-trick of titles – and the club are well on their way to doing it.

When heavy rain washed out half of the 12th round of fixtures Ilhwa were left with a distinct advantage at the top of the eight-team table – a point clear of second-placed Hyundai with a match in hand.

Ilhwa had 26 points from 11 outings, their only defeat being by Posco Atoms in the fourth round.

Posco, whose squad includes World Cup duo Hwang Sung-hong and Hong Myung-bo, slipped badly in the 12th round, losing 2-0 to Chun-Buk Dinos. This left them six points adrift of the leaders, having played one game more.

At the other end of the table, LG Cheetahs, from the Lucky-Goldstar conglomerate, have fallen on hard times and collected only six points from 11 matches.

JEREMY WALKER

Posco star . . . World Cup man Hong Myung-bo

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Consistency pays for JEF

JEF UNITED were the surprise of this year's Suntory Series.

They weren't so bad before, but after finishing the first Suntory Series in 1993 with nine wins and nine defeats, JEF always lost more than they won, despite having Pierre Littbarski in midfield, and Frank Ordenewitz, top scorer in the 1994 J.League. But defence was another matter, even with international Kenichi Shimokawa in goal.

The first four games in the latest series comprised a lucky last-minute victory over Jubilo Iwata and three consecutive defeats. But then the form changed.

They lost home and away to bottom club (and local rival) Kashiwa Reysol, but found the steadiness to win twice as many as they lost, and by the end were title contenders.

"Fifteen players left JEF this season and 11 joined," explains manager, Eijun Kiyokumo. "We have made big changes. A team is a living thing, and we must always think of changing it."

JEF signed Yugoslavian stopper Goran Vasilijevic to line up alongside Mikio Manaka. They already had promising Olympic full-back Eisuke Nakanishi, but it's been two 18-year-olds, Tayayuki Chano and Kazuhiro Suzuki, who have caught the eye.

"Manaka leads well as centre-back", says Kiyokumo. "He is very good at coaching the other players, and combines stably with Vasilijevic, who is a real professional.

"Chano and Suzuki have good tactical understanding. Chano has the best defensive sense I have seen in an 18-year-old. He has the ability to adjust his game just as he is told.

"Suzuki covers well and switches fast to attack. He is quick and does the basic things well, though his crossing needs to improve."

The new steadiness at the back was reinforced from rear midfield by another hard-running 18-year-old, Tadihiro Akiba. JEF also have fleet-footed offensive midfielders in veterans Atsuhiko Ejiri and Yoshikazu Goto, and one of the J.League's most skilful players, Yugoslavian Nenad Maslovar, on the left.

In attack, Wynton Rufer has taken over from Ordenewitz alongside 19-year-old Olympic striker Shoji Jo.

Kiyokumo is pleased with his foreign players: "The good thing is that they work for the team, not only for themselves. This makes it easy for everyone. They are very co-operative. I have an excellent relationship with Rufer, and often discuss strategy with him. I didn't have that relationship with Littbarski and Ordenewitz."

Rufer comments that the 18-year-olds just would not play first-team football in Europe. But they have ability and the experience may count for a lot in the future. The club could get them because they come from the locality. Football is well-developed in Chiba Prefecture.

After starting the Suntory Series as apparent no-hopers, JEF now enter the Nicos Series as one of the favourites.

JEF United Icihara are the grand old club of the J.League. As Furukawa, they were the first company side to win the Emperor's Cup in 1960 and Japan's first Asian Club Champions in 1986. As JEF, they are on their way back.

Kohei Fukuda, the club president, is patient. "It is really too early to talk of the championship. I'd say we need another three years. We should have a much better team by then.

"We want to win the championship on the basis of real ability. A lot still needs to be done."

● KIWI striker Wynton Rufer, signed by JEF United from Werder Bremen this season, says he is happy that the club are in the top five. "That's a great achievement," he says.

Rufer, like everyone else, struggled to fit in at first. "Generally English is the international language. I've been all over the world playing soccer and can communicate with everyone. But in Japan, you cannot really communicate."

Rufer has high praise for the character of his Japanese team-mates, but believes they still have much to learn. "The guys are really willing, technically very good", he says. "They want to learn. The Japanese are the best copiers in the world, so I wouldn't be surprised if they win the World Cup if they get it in 2002. Really."

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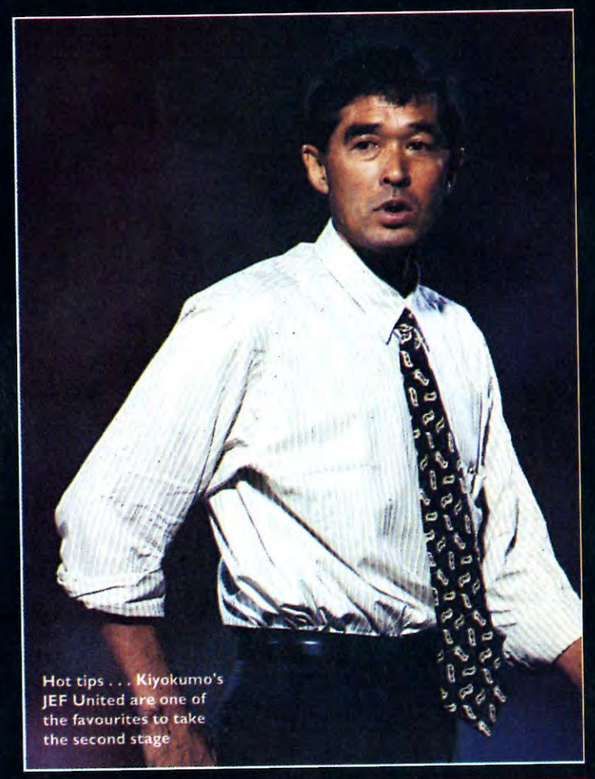

Hot tips . . . Kiyokumo's JEF United are one of the favourites to take the second stage

Foreign star . . . New Zealand striker Wynton Rufer

Honda in top gear

MIDFIELDER Yasuto Honda of Kashima Antlers *(above right)* **became the first player to appear in 100 J.League matches when he stopped out against Jubili Iwata – and he celebrated with his first J.League goal. Not satisfied with that, Honda went on to score in his 101st and 102nd J.League matches as well, against Urawa Red Diamonds and Bellmare Hiratsuka.**

Steady Honda has not been the headline-grabber in the team of Zico, Alcindo, Leonardo, Jorginho, Yoshiyuki Hasegawa, Hisashi Kurosaki and now Naoki Soma. But his tenacious tackling is widely admired.

The 26-year-old joined Antlers from his namesake club, the motor company team. He was named in the J.League's Best 11 in 1993, and was picked by Shu Kamo for the national squad at this year's Iwata camp.

MIKE PLASTOW & MICHI ISHIJIMA

Marinos take first stage

YOKOHAMA MARINOS kept their fans praying to the very end of the Suntory Series, but finally clinched the J.League's first stage with a nail-biting 1-0 win over Kashima Antlers.

Marinos were never out of the top four all season, but lost six of their last 12 games.

Only worse collapses by Antlers (nine defeats in the last 12 games) and Bellmare Hiratsuka (seven in the last 12) kept them at the top.

With Verdy Kawasaki, Urawa Red Diamonds and Nagoya Grampus Eight charging up the table, Marinos were saved by the bell. Verdy finished on a run of 12 straight wins, setting a J.League record, Reds won seven of their last eight, while Grampus won 10 of their last 11, falling only controversially to Verdy Kawasaki in a game spoilt by poor refereeing.

Marinos deserve all credit for holding out in difficult circumstances. With tight discipline and the imaginative use of youngsters like 18-year-old defender Naoki Matsuda, Jorge Solari's team started the stage superbly, winning 11 of their first games.

But the team was rocked by the departures of Ramon Diaz, national team keeper Shigetatsu Matsunaga and then Solari himself, due to a gastric ulcer. Matsuda and Miura were injured. Yamada fell out with 39-year-old stand-in manager Hiroshi Hayano, who had a lot of pieces to pick up.

"I am very relieved." said Hayano after the Antlers game. "Now I just want to go to a hot spring for a rest. We had to face the pressure in the last game, and we beat it. Our players concentrated well to the finish. But everyone was tiring in the last 15 minutes, both the players and the bench. The players did their job loyally to the end."

The crucial goal came from a curling long shot hit by Argentinian international Medina Bello with the outside of his right foot, almost inevitably following a lovely one-two with fellow Argentinian Bisconti, Marinos' top scorer for the stage with 11 goals.

Marinos looked like blowing the stage the previous Wednesday when they crumbled 2-1 to struggling Shimizu S Pulse. But that match also contained a moment of high drama, when 19-year-old keeper Yoshikatsu Kawaguchi came up to the Shimizu box for the final corner of the day. He met the ball clearly and his header cracked against a post.

Kawaguchi has caught the imagination of fans this stage. He could hardly have expected to play in this year's J.League, but after a year as understudy to Matsunaga proved more than ready to take over between the posts.

National team defender and Marinos captain Masami Ihara was also rewarded with his first J.League title. "We were always seen as one of the top clubs for the J.League's first two years", Ihara said, "and had nothing to show for it. Now we have. The team had problems with Diaz, Matsunaga, the manager and Yamada, and that was bad for us psychologically. It has been a hard season mentally. But the fans were supportive, and the players have grown. We were all together mentally in the last game."

JEF United Ichihara's challenge for the title crumbled with the 5-0 home loss to Nagoya Grampus Eight in the second to last game of the series. That left only Verdy Kawasaki still in the race on the final day, an astonishing achievement for a team that was bottom 11 matches into the season. Verdy did their bit by beating Bellmare Hiratsuka 3-2 on the last day through an 89th-minute goal by Nobuhiro Takeda, but it wasn't enough.

The rapid changes of fortune in this year's J.League make predictions for the second stage, the Nicos Series, impossible. Verdy, Grampus and Reds will be strong contenders. Antlers should be, too, with the return of Brazilians Leonardo and Jorginho from national team duty.

Kashima Antlers have signed 34-year-old Brazilian defender Mozer from Benfica for the second stage. He previously played with Flamengo (alongside Zico) and Marseille. Antlers meanwhile have sold midfielder Santos to Shimizu S Pulse.

Jubilo Iwata should be strong with the arrival of Dunga and the return of sweeper Gerald Vanenburg from injury. Hans Ooft's side have promising youngsters like midfielders Toshiya Fujita and Hiroshi Nanami, while Salvatore Schillaci was top scorer in the Suntory Series with 24 goals.

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AUSTRALIA

Okon shines in poor series

THE long-anticipated Australia v Ghana series proved to be disappointing.

None of the African top men travelled Down Under, and several Australian European-based professionals either declared themselves unavailable or appeared only in matches staged at their home towns.

Ghana arrived in Sydney with only 14 players – three of them goalkeepers. During their week-long stage, reinforcements dribbled in (mostly drafted from the Olympic squad) and the Black Stars improved as the series progressed.

Most of the 'Euroroos' who took part appeared jaded and disinterested after long domestic seasons. Paul Okon of Bruges was an exception. The defender played superbly throughout the opener at Sydney Football Stadium, and ultimately was the difference between the two sides.

On a bitterly cold night, the Africans took a long time to settle and, after only five minutes, found themselves behind as Tony Vidmar celebrated his transfer from Adelaide City to NAC Breda in Holland by scoring from a free-kick.

When veteran striker Graham Arnold added a second in the 38th minute, a comfortable home victory seemed assured. Ghana, though, found their feet in the second half and put Australia under much pressure. Then Okon showed his capabilities and it was largely due to him that Ghana were restricted to Abladi Kamah's goal nine minutes from time.

Despite making seven changes to their lineup, the Socceroos totally dominated the opening half-hour of the second game, in Adelaide, and should have sewn things up during this period. Instead, they had to be content with a single goal of exquisite quality, started by skipper Aurelio Vidmar and finished by Carl Veart.

The crowd then settled back expecting more goals, but it was not to be. As in Sydney, Ghana showed great resilience and gave as good as they got during the second half. This time, goalkeeper Zeljko Kalac stepped into the unavailable Okon's shoes and maintained Australia's lead with two top-class saves.

Kalac was beaten three days later, in Perth, and Malam Yahya's 32nd-minute long-range effort enabled the Africans to gain a merited consolation victory. The shot's speed off a slippery surface surprised Kalac.

The visitors, inspired by the gifted Kamah, outplayed the again-makeshift Aussies for long periods and won over the crowd with their skill, invention and exuberance.

The Aussies then went to Buenos Aires for a friendly against Argentina. Although dangerously under-strength for such a prestigious international, Australia displayed the solidity now expected of all their teams and lost only 2-0, missing a penalty (as did the hosts) and conceding a goal in injury-time.

Kalac again showed excellent form and probably clinched his subsequent move to Leicester City from Sydney United for £830,000 – the highest transfer fee ever received by an Australian club.

There are now more than 100 Australian professional players employed abroad and their absences have left domestic talent wafer thin.

The Australian Soccer Federation recognised this sad truth when reducing the membership for the 1995–96 national league from 13 teams to 12.

Brunswick United, Parramatta Eagles and Heidelberg United have been relegated, while Newcastle Breakers return after a year-long absence due to financial problems, and Canberra Cosmos will give the competition representation from the federal capital for the first time since 1987.

Cosmos are to be coached by former Everton stalwart Mick Lyons, after completing his contract with the Brunei national team.

Hopefully Lyons will make a greater impression in Australia than the Nottingham Forest and West Ham United teams, both of whom made undistinguished short tours.

West Ham lost to Western Australia and the Australian Olympic Selection, drew with Victoria and defeated the Olyroos in the first of their two-match series. Forest also lost to Western Australia, but beat Adelaide City.

PAUL MOON

Tall order . . . national team goalkeeper Zeljko Kalac (left) has joined Leicester City

NEW ZEALAND

NEW ZEALAND's first South American tour produced a very mixed bag; one poor performance, three creditable displays, one disaster and one magnificent effort.

En route across the Pacific, the Kiwis played Tahiti in Paea and the 2-1 defeat hardly augured well for the challenges ahead.

Darren McLennan put New Zealand ahead just after half-time but the Tahitians, inspired by former Nantes midfielder Reynald Temarii, refused to be subdued. Substitute Manalulu Gatien transformed the match by creating an equaliser for John Thunot, then heading the deciding goal.

So New Zealand arrived in Antofagasta for the opening game of the Chilean FA's Copa Centario, against the hosts, having forfeited their ranking as number two team in Oceania. They displayed character in abundance while going down 3-1. Miguel Ramirez, Ronald Fuentes and Rodrigo Ruiz scored for Chile, while Andy Rennie briefly raised Kiwi hopes with an equaliser.

When playing Turkey at Coquimbo, New Zealand led for 71 minutes against the European Championship high-flyers, after Vaughan Coveny had scored in the second minute.

Then an extraordinary backs-to-the-wall defensive battle was rendered meaningless by substitute Ertugrul Saglan, permitted two free headers directly in front of goal within four minutes of each other.

Four days later, in Santiago, the All Whites lost 3-2 as Paraguay clinched the tournament.

The Kiwis could be forgiven if questioning whether South American soccer was as dynamic as they had been led to believe. Uruguay spectacularly ended their doubts in Paysandu with a 7-0 demolition – New Zealand's heaviest defeat in an official international for 59 years, and the greatest hammering in any match sine Manchester United hit 11 at Christchurch in 1967.

A similar annihilation was anticipated when the teams travelled to Rivera three days later to mark the construction of another new stadium. Instead, New Zealand played superbly to force a worthy 2-2 draw with goals by Jackson.

FIJI

FIJIAN soccer has been rocked by yet another scandal.

Recent embarrassments have included a shoplifting spree by the national team when touring New Zealand, and several cases of match-rigging in domestic competitions.

Now the Fiji senior side's tour to Australia has been cancelled, with four games remaining, because nine squad members sneaked out of their hotel and embarked on a nine-hour pub crawl through Sydney's red-light district.

All nine were suspended upon returning home, and the episode has severely disrupted Fiji's build-up for the South Pacific Games.

PAUL MOON

FOOTBALL COACHES AND TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

CONVENTION CLASSIC

THE rapid growth and development of AFCAT can be reflected in the outstanding success of the second Coaches Convention, held in Milton Keynes from June 22-25.

Coaches not only from the UK but from many corners of the world helped to make the occasion a real CLASSIC!

The Convention was opened by Kevin Keegan, who helped to reflect the mood by explaining the Newcastle philosophy – open to many ideas and practices and to let the players express themselves and play, coaching being the passers-on of all knowledge. To the many coaches from around the world, this was the perfect introduction from a true sportsman and role model, an example to us all.

Kids stuff . . . younger participants at the AFCAT convention

The first full day of the Convention included presentations by:-

- Mike Crawford and his staff from Aberdeen on ball familiarisation skills.
- Ewan Chester – Glasgow Rangers in the Community.
- Keith Blunt from the National School, who produced two excellent sessions with the England Under-15 Schoolboys on 'Playing on their weaker side' and 'Through the midfield'.
- Paul Power from the PFA – Passing and Understanding.
- Mike Kelly, the Middlesbrough and England Goalkeeper Coach – another brilliant display of, among others, half-volley shots (pardon me 'Rockets')
- Joop Lensen and Johan von Heertun – the Dutch Vision and
- Pat Fox on fitness and stretching.

For those who were understandably tired and avoided the evening session, they missed a highly entertaining speech by Mac Chenia, on behalf of our South African members and Graham Smith, sports therapist extraordinaire.

In addition, our guests from the NSCAA (National Soccer Coaches Association of America), Bob Robinson and Jim Sheldon, told us there are now 18 million people playing soccer in the States!

Day Two kicked off with a brilliant session by Dave Burnside. It was full of skill and humour, summed up by one of his many logical statements: "coaches should practise themselves to be able to demonstrate properly and we must always show enthusiasm, that is our equipment."

Master coach John Cartwright then followed, covering building from the back, showing the need to develop this area of play, as back players generate our game style.

Les Reed, FA Regional Director (SE) introduced some new ideas that he has developed. After lunch Willie Donachie, from FA Cup-winners Everton, coached a session based on the club programme.

Joop and Johan developed further their Dutch Vision from day one – better soccer, more enjoyment – and Colin Morris concluded with a shooting session from around the penalty area.

Throughout the day, Southampton Girls Youth Team players were involved in sessions with Committee Member Sue Lopez, Gail Colling from Scarborough, Dave Burnside and an impromptu session by John Cartwright. They were a credit to the developing programme we envisage for girls' football at AFCAT.

Our banquet, attended by over 200 delegates at Saxon Court, welcomed special guests Andy Gray of Sky Sports and Kevin Connelly – or was it Jimmy Greaves, the Saint, Ossie Ardiles, Peter Beardsley or Alan Hanson? – brilliant despite the meal!

After a night of celebrations during which a group of our members from South Africa – the Country had apparently won some World Cup in rugby! – caused a late night.

Our final two practical sessions were taken by Willem II coach from Holland, Theo de Jong, and John Cartwright, who produced a fabulous session with a group of Under-10s – with an incisive and positive commentary throughout.

As our topic for this year's event was about Coaching through the Age Groups, his final comment to coaches was perhaps the most outstanding of all this classic weekend: "At this age, decision making is tough – let's slow down time for the players. When we ask kids to play 11-a-side soccer – we just produce competitors, not skilful or complete footballers. We *must* give them time to develop."

After a light buffet lunch, we had one more surprise for everyone – Harald Oyens from Norway, who produced a fascinating hour of demonstrations with coaches from the audience.

For all members who were present, thank you for your participation, for all those clinicians – well done. *You were outstanding.* For all those who couldn't make it this year – DON'T MISS THE 1996 CONVENTION! We are producing a special issue of *Catalyst* covering the sessions, but it doesn't beat being there.

Finally, however, we have to mention one of our guest teams for the weekend, Afan Lido, who finished runners-up in the Welsh Konica League last season and qualified for Europe.]

They started as a junior team and they have developed and developed. Our best wishes go to you in what will be a historic season.

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Diary

SATURDAY, JULY 1

ENGLAND: Alan Ball quits Southampton to take over as manager of Premiership rivals Manchester City . . . the FA decides to appoint a full-time liaison officer to improve relationships with fans and sets up a new, all-powerful 14-member board of directors in place of the old executive committee.
SPAIN: Hristo Stoichkov confirms that he will be playing for Parma in Italy next season, having signed a three-year, £5m contract. The fee is also £5m.
TURKEY: Wales striker Dean Saunders is sold by Aston Villa to Galatasaray.

SUNDAY, JULY 2

BRAZIL: Romario is sent off as Flamengo draw a friendly 0-0 with a Sergipe state team.
MALAYSIA: Sports Minister Muhyiddin Yassin demands new ways be found to eradicate bribery and match-fixing in domestic soccer.

MONDAY, JULY 3

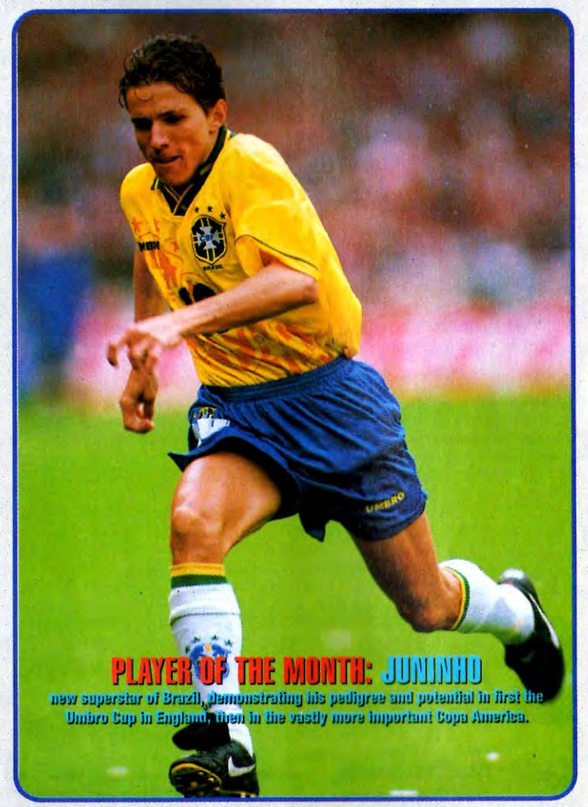
ITALY: Roberto Baggio returns from a duck-shooting holiday in Argentina to say he will definitely leave Juventus and announce his new destination within a few days. He says: "I'm glad to know Milan want to sign me. I would like to stay in Italy but I'm also considering bids from abroad, including Japan" . . . Sampdoria say two English clubs have agreed a fee for David Platt and the next step is up to the England captain . . . Parma general manager Giambattista Pastorello says the fee paid to Barcelona for Stoichkov is £7m. The Bulgarian says he had to leave Spain because he "achieved things with Barca that Johan Cruyff never did while he was playing for the club and that's what hurt him."
ROMANIA: Gheorghe Hagi marries – for a second time – in his home town, the Black Sea port of Constanta. His new wife is Marilena Vlahbei, a 22-year-old student . . . Uni Craiova sell striker Gheorghe Craioveanu to Spanish club Real Sociedad. He has six caps and scored 27 goals in 32 games last season.

TUESDAY, JULY 4

ENGLAND: England striker Stan Collymore completes his record £8.5m transfer from Nottingham Forest to Premier League rivals Liverpool.
ITALY: State prosecutor Gloria Attanasio formally applies for a trial warrant against Antonio Matarrese, president of the Italian federation, on charges of abuse of office. The allegations were raised last year by third division Ravenna and by an ex-president of Modena, who were relegated to the third division at the end of the 1993-94 season. Matarrese is also under investigation over charges that the federation paid the expenses of his friends and relatives at the 1994 World Cup finals.
SINGAPORE: The SFA defends its lifetime ban on Australian star Abbas Saad following his conviction for conspiracy to fix matches.
SPAIN: Portuguese coach Toni takes over as coach of Sevilla from Luis Aragones, who is succeeding Carlos Alberto Parreira at Valencia.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

ACTION: Uruguay open "their" Copa America by defeating Venezuela 4-1 in Montevideo.
ENGLAND: Aston Villa take their summer spending to £9.25m in 12 days by signing midfielder Mark Draper from relegated Leicester for £3.25m.
FRANCE: Paris Saint-Germain sell Brazilian internationals Valdo and Ricardo Gomes back to Benfica after four seasons in a joint deal worth £1.25m.
GERMANY: Dynamo Dresden, eight-times East German champions, are relegated to regional soccer from the Bundesliga for failing to resolve their financial problems.
ITALY: Milan complete the transfer of the decade, buying Roberto Baggio from Juventus for £8.4m. Baggio settles for a three-year contract worth £1.5m a year – the sum Juventus refused to pay him . . . Milan and Juventus capitalise on the Baggio transfer talks to discuss joint business ventures to fight off the financial threat from England and Germany.



PLAYER OF THE MONTH: JUNINHO
new superstar of Brazil, demonstrating his pedigree and potential in first the Umbro Cup in England, then in the vastly more important Copa America.

THURSDAY, JULY 6

COLOMBIA: Juan Jose Bellini resigns as president of the Colombian federation amid claims that he has links with the Cali cartel, which controls 80 per cent of the cocaine shipped to the United States. Bellini and drugs lord Gilberto Rodriguez Orejuela were directors of America Cali in the 1970s.
ENGLAND: David Ginola signs for Newcastle from Paris Saint-Germain.
ITALY: Sweden's Kennet Andersson quits French club Caen for Bari.
MALAYSIA: Indonesian and Singapore police are asked to help look for a foreign bookmaker wanted for alleged bribery and soccer match-fixing in Malaysia.
SLOVAKIA: Slovan Bratislava manager Jozef Jankech is named Slovakia's new national chief coach, replacing Jozef Venglos who is demoted to team manager.
SPAIN: The Banesto bank appeal to UEFA to hand over to them next season's Champions League income due to Real Madrid following a dispute between the club and a Banesto subsidiary, Infosa.
URUGUAY: Bolivia await their Copa America opening in confusion after manager Antonio Lopez says he will quit after the competition and a group of players protest.

FRIDAY, JULY 7

ACTION: Brazil open their Copa America campaign with a narrow victory over Ecuador.
BULGARIA: Ivailo Yordanov breaks two vertebrae in a car crash in northern Bulgaria.
ENGLAND: Aston Villa forward John Fashanu is released on police bail after 29 hours of questioning over allegations that he was involved in a conspiracy to pervert the course of justice. His solicitor says Fashanu refutes all allegations, which are linked with Premier League match corruption inquiries.
ITALY: Napoli owner Corrado Ferlaino warns that the club will go bankrupt and be relegated to the amateur leagues unless they can find £15m in two weeks to settle debts.
SPAIN: Bilbao pay £3m to Real Sociedad for 17-year-old Joseba Etxebarria, who has played only two first-team games.
SWITZERLAND: UEFA allow double-winning Red Star Belgrade and their domestic cup runners-up Obilic to become the first Yugoslav clubs to compete in European competition for four years. But Red Star, despite their status as champions, will compete in the UEFA Cup – thus allowing Kiev Dynamo to take the last remaining place in the 24-strong entry for the Champions League.

SATURDAY, JULY 8

BULGARIA: World Cup midfielder Ivailo Yordanov says he is confident of returning to play for Sporting Lisbon after suffering back and chest injuries in a road accident.
GREECE: Olympiakos dismiss coach Thijs Libregts after he protests at the decision to release international midfielder Yotis Tsalouhidis.
ITALY: England captain David Platt says he will announce within a few days whether he will stay with Sampdoria or return to England.

SUNDAY, JULY 9

ACTION: Uruguay ensure their place in the Copa America quarter-finals by defeating Paraguay 1-0 in Montevideo.
BRAZIL: Coach Vanderlei Luxemburgo demands that Flamengo sell Romario, who has urged president Kleber Leite to appoint a new coaching staff.
ENGLAND: Paul Ince says, in a Sunday newspaper, that he felt betrayed by Manchester United in the row over his transfer to Internazionale.
ITALY: Roberto Baggio tries to explain to a curious media how his enthusiasm for hunting, shooting and fishing does not conflict with his Buddhist principles.

MONDAY, JULY 10

ARGENTINA: After months of wrangling, Argentinian media magnate Eduardo Eurnekian puts up the promotional cash to enable Boca Juniors to buy Claudio Caniggia from Benfica.
ENGLAND: Manchester United say Ukrainian winger Andrei Kanchelskis can leave after all . . . the FA's hearing of the George Graham misconduct case begins . . . Arsenal buy England skipper David Platt from Sampdoria for £4.7m.
NIGER: Niger withdraw from the African Nations Cup, blaming a dispute with the Confederation of African Football over the choice of referee and linesmen for their next match against Congo on July 15.
SCOTLAND: England midfielder Paul Gascoigne formally completes his £4.3m transfer from Italian club Lazio to Scottish champions Rangers.

TUESDAY, JULY 11

ENGLAND: Sunderland sign US goalkeeper Brad Friedel for £600,000 . . . Birmingham agree terms with Stoke's Icelandic international Toddy Orlygsson.
GREECE: Players and officials of AEK rejected a claim by Jean-Pierre Bernes, former director of Marseille, that former president Bernard Tapie had offered AEK players 80 million drachma (£240,000) to lose a Champions Cup game six years ago. Marseille beat AEK 2-0.
ITALY: Cagliari buy Uruguayan striker Dario Silva from Penarol . . . Edy Baggio's transfer from Palazzuolo to fellow Serie C club Prato is stalled over financial terms. Edy is brother of Roberto . . . Sampdoria buy 19-year-old Dutch midfielder forward Clarence Seedorf from Ajax

Diary

for £4.5m . . . an appeals court clears top sports boss Primo Nebiolo and 15 other senior officials of corruption charges relating to construction work at Rome's Olympic stadium for the 1990 World Cup.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

ENGLAND: Dismissed Arsenal manager George Graham is found guilty of misconduct after a three-day FA commission of inquiry into his alleged receipt of £425,500 in transfer bungs.
HOLLAND: Dutch tax authorities say they are seeking Brazilian superstar and former PSV Eindhoven striker Romario for tax evasion.
ITALY: The national anti-trust authority seeks details from Juventus managing director Antonio Giraudo about his club's proposed business venture with Milan.
SWITZERLAND: UEFA says that Real Madrid can compete in the 1995-96 Champions League only if they settle a dispute over television revenue with the Spanish bank Banesto.

THURSDAY, JULY 13

ACTION: Brazil beat Colombia 3-0 to qualify for the Copa America semi-finals.
ENGLAND: Former Arsenal boss George Graham is banned for a year by the Football Association after the previous day's guilty verdict in the 'bung' hearing.
ITALY: The mayor of Naples appeals to investors and citizens to find nine £3.5m to save Napoli from bankruptcy.

FRIDAY, JULY 14

ACTION: The US spring a major shock in the Copa America by defeating a deliberately-weakened Argentina 3-0 and thus qualifying for the quarter-finals – forcing Argentina to face Brazil next time out.
ENGLAND: Belgium midfielder Marc Degryse quits Anderlecht for Sheffield Wednesday . . . West Ham sign Dutch striker Marco Boogers from Sparta Rotterdam.
ITALY: Borussia Dortmund and Real Madrid join Juventus and Milan in a new business joint venture covering areas such as television rights, worldwide marketing and lucrative overseas tours.
SWITZERLAND: UEFA's executive committee formally approves a joint bid by Belgium and Holland to host the European Championship finals in the year 2000 . . . UEFA say new charges alleging bribery by Marseille would be referred to the French federation.

SATURDAY, JULY 15

BRAZIL: Vanderlei Luxemburgo is sacked as coach of Flamengo after a series of clashes over training methods with top striker Romario.
FRANCE: Patrice Loko, the French League's 22-goal leading scorer last season, is to join Paris Saint-Germain from champions Nantes.
HOLLAND: Ajax say they have appealed to FIFA to stop Brazil defender Marcio Santos quitting the club barely a month after joining them in a row over pension fund contributions.
GERMANY: Lothar Matthaus's hopes of a comeback after his achilles tendon injury suffer a major setback when a specialist says he will need further surgery.

SUNDAY, JULY 16

ACTION: Colombia beat Ecuador 5-4 on penalties after a 1-1 draw in the Copa America quarter-finals while hosts Uruguay also reach the last four, beating Bolivia 2-1.
GERMANY: Bayern Munich striker Jurgen Klinsmann says that the personal summons from Franz Beckenbauer was decisive in persuading him to quit Tottenham.

MONDAY, JULY 17

ACTION: In a dramatic night at the Copa America, Brazil defeat Argentina 4-2 on penalties after a 2-2 quarter-final draw which spills over into fury because of an apparently clear handball by Tulio before he shoots Brazil's equaliser. In the semi-finals they will face the United States, who beat Mexico, also on penalties.
ENGLAND: The FA sends a report to FIFA on Norwegian agent Rune Hauge's involvement in the George Graham case.
GERMANY: Lothar Matthaus's international career appears in jeopardy after surgery to remove a cyst on his left achilles tendon.
ITALY: Internazionale president Massimo Moratti despatches general manager Paolo Taveggia to South America to sign Brazilian Roberto Carlos . . . national boss Arrigo Sacchi says he is concerned about the level of violence and intimidation at Serie A matches.

TUESDAY, JULY 18

ENGLAND: Relegated Ipswich give Uruguay international Adrian Paz a free transfer. The striker cost £300,000 from Penarol a year ago but has not played enough matches to secure a new work permit . . . Georgian Georgi Kinkladze arrives at Manchester City for a medical and to meet his new team-mates, then flies home within 24 hours to get over the culture shock, according to manager Alan Ball.
MALAYSIA: Asian confederation general-secretary Peter Velappan predicts an end to match-fixing in the region after the first meeting of a new anti-corruption panel, made up of representatives from Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia and Hong Kong.
NORWAY: Nottingham Forest midfielder Lars Bohinen refuses to play for Norway on Saturday in protest at opponents France's planned nuclear weapon tests.
SWITZERLAND: FIFA extends worldwide the year-long suspension imposed by the FA on former Arsenal manager George Graham. Separately, FIFA is warned by the FA that its new regulations to curb the activities of agents could be threatened by the English Law Society because of a grey area concerning the legal and financial professions . . . champions Grasshopper sell top scorer Ron Willems to English club Derby for £300,000.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

ACTION: Hosts Uruguay defeat Colombia 2-0 in the first semi-final of the Copa America.
ENGLAND: Norway utility man Stig Inge Bjornebye signs a two-year contract extension with Liverpool . . . Belgian skipper Marc Degryse formally signs a three-year deal with Sheffield Wednesday . . . Arsenal striker Alan Smith, who scored the winning goal in the 1994 Cup-winners Cup Final, retires at 32 because of a knee injury.
ITALY: Torino agree a £2m fee for centre-forward Andrea Silenzi, wanted by Nottingham Forest to take the place of Liverpool-bound Stan Collymore.
MALAYSIA: Malaysia's higest-paid player, Azman Adnan, is suspended from the national team for a year and five of his team-mates six months for breaking curfew and leaving the squad's training camp during preparations for the Merdeka (Independence) Tournament.
NORWAY: National coach Egil Olsen says he is worried that politically-motivated fans may use Saturday's televised friendly against France as an opportunity to stage a demonstration against French government plans to resume nuclear tests in the Pacific.
SPAIN: Tenerife buy 25-year-old Czech midfielder Pavel Hapal from Bayern Leverkusen . . . Hristo Stoichkov fires another broadside at Barcelona coach Johan Cruyff at his last formal press conference in Spain before leaving for Parma. Stoichkov says: "The time came when I couldn't take any more. A lot of people have gone and the blame lies with one man, while the rest are left in the middle. Cruyff couldn't stand it when the public acclaimed the players and forgot about him." Barcelona members, at the club's annual meeting, also criticise Cruyff's wide-ranging powers.
SWITZERLAND: FIFA asks all 191 member nations, including 10 with special invitations, to take part in a World Day of Football on Saturday, December 9 to mark the 50th anniversary of the United Nations.

THURSDAY, JULY 20

ACTION: Aldair's goal brings Brazil a 1-0 win over the United States in the second Copa America semi-final.
ENGLAND: Jamie Hughes of Tranmere is banned for two years, sentence suspended, after testing positive for amphetamines during a random check in April.
FRANCE: Paris Saint-Germain's new spearhead, Patrice Loko, is arrested by police for violent behaviour. He had been taken to hospital, reportedly feeling unwell, after damaging parked cars outside a Paris discotheque early on Thursday.
ITALY: Milan president Silvio Berlusconi warns that Italy risks losing its pre-eminent role as Europe top player importer, blaming the weakness of the lira. Milan's squad at training includes Marco Van Basten but Berlusconi says: "He is full of hope but, realistically, it would take a miracle for him to play again."
SCOTLAND: Rangers, increasingly concerned that Florin Raducioiu will stay at Espanyol, turn their attentions to another Spain-based World Cup striker in Valencia's Russian, Oleg Salenko.
SPAIN: Croat midfielder Robert Prosinecki signed a three-year contract with Barcelona after buying out the one year remaining on his contract with Real Madrid.

FRIDAY, JULY 21

ENGLAND: Everton win a transfer battle with Middlesbrough and, at the last minute, Arsenal, to sign Manchester United's Andrei Kanchelskis for a club record £5m . . . Arsenal's new manager Bruce Rioch says he wants to turn them back into a trophy-winning team by cleaning up their bad-boy image.
ITALY: Inter players raise more than £20,000 for Bosnian refugees after staging an impromptu auction for the right to wear the shirt number of their choice . . . Genoa dedicate their pre-season tournament, also involving Torino and Nottingham Forest, to the fan killed last January in clashes between Genoa and Milan supporters.
SCOTLAND: Paul Gascoigne scores on his Rangers debut in a 2-1 win away to Danish club Brondby.
SPAIN: Real Madrid buy Argentinian striker Juan Eduardo Esnaider back from Zaragoza for £3m – a £2m loss on the overall deal . . . Barcelona president Jose Luis Nunez says that the signing of Croat Robert Prosinecki was agreed with the player last summer but it was arranged, for diplomatic reasons, that the move should wait until he was free from his contract with Real Madrid.

SATURDAY, JULY 22

ACTION: Colombia beat the United States 4-1 in the third place play-off at the Copa America . . . Norway and France draw 0-0 in a friendly in Oslo in Europe's first international match of the new season . . . Bulgaria and Hungary qualify for the semi-finals of the Merdeka Tournament after drawing 0-0 in Kuala Lumpur . . . China beat Malaysia 2-0 in the second Asian round of the Olympic qualifying event.
NORWAY: National coach Egil Olsen says he would quit if he received an offer from a top club abroad.

SUNDAY, JULY 23

ACTION: Uruguay beat Brazil 5-3 on penalties after a 1-1 draw in the final of the Copa America in Montevideo.

MONDAY, JULY 24

ARGENTINA: Unofficial reports say Boca Juniors will be paying Diego Maradona £13,000 a month when he begins his comeback in September plus a £250,000 loan fee.
ENGLAND: Southampton and Zimbabwe goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar, striker John Fashanu of Aston Villa and Wimbledon's Dutch goalkeeper Hans Segers are charged with match-fixing following a lengthy police investigation. All three deny the allegations. Also denying charges laid are businessman Heng Suan Lim and Fashanu's wife Melissa.
ITALY: Torino and Italy striker Andrea Silenzi signs a three-year contract with Nottingham Forest after the clubs agree a £1.6m fee . . . Parma's office is flooded with calls after new signing Hristo Stoichkov places an advert in the local paper seeking a house to rent.
SWITZERLAND: FIFA criticises the German and Portuguese federations for replaying matches because of technical mistakes by referees. Its disciplinary committee orders the DFB to declare the June 11 match between Leipzig and Chemnitzer valid after all and the Portuguese to revalidate the original result of the Benfica v Sporting match on April 30.

TUESDAY, JULY 25

ACTION: Iraq beat Bulgaria 1-0 in the first Merdeka tournament semi-final.
ARGENTINA: Diego Maradona and his former Argentinian national team-mate Claudio Caniggia finally sign for Boca Juniors.
HOLLAND: Ajax land Brazil World Cup-winner Marcio Santos after all, on resolving a hitch over pension payments which had put the player's move from Fiorentina in doubt.
ITALY: Inter complete the signing of Brazil defender Roberto Carlos from Palmeiras for £4.5m.
PORTUGAL: The federation says it plans to protest against FIFA's censure of its decision to replay a top division match between Benfica and Sporting because of alleged refereeing errors.
TURKEY: Aston Villa striker Dalian Atkinson looks set to sign for Fenerbahce of Istanbul, joining former team-mate Dean Saunders (now with Galatasaray) in Turkey.
UNITED STATES: US forward Roy Wegerle is virtually written off by English club Coventry's manager Ron Atkinson, who says: "Wegerle has been offered a new contract but we have been unable to locate him. My feeling is he will stay in America."

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

ACTION: A 15-minute pitch battle between players, officials, directors and police mars the South American club tie in which Gremio beat fellow Brazilians Palmeiras 5-0 . . . Hungary beat Malaysia 2-0 in the second semi-final of the Merdeka tournament.
SCOTLAND: Rangers continue their transfer campaign by signing Dundee United's Serbian central defender Gordan Petric for £1.5m.
SWITZERLAND: FIFA general secretary Sepp Blatter criticises German league players of "turning the dive in the penalty area into an art form" . . . FIFA suggests the FA take "urgent measures" as Bruce Grobbelaar, Hans Segers and John Fashanu await the start of formal court proceedings.

THURSDAY, JULY 27

GERMANY: Borussia Dortmund sell Australian Olympic defender Ned Zelic to England's Queens Park Rangers . . . Bayern Munich hit back from 2-0 down to beat champions Borussia Dortmund 3-2 in the final of the Fuji Cup four-team pre-season tournament. Jurgen Klinsmann scores twice.

FRIDAY, JULY 28

ITALY: Former champions Napoli appear set to win their battle to avoid bankruptcy after a shareholders' meeting approves a plan for £5m new share issue.

OBITUARIES

EDMONDO FABBRI . . . coach of the Italian team beaten 1-0 by North Korea at the 1966 World Cup finals, died in hospital near Bologna at the age of 73. Fabbri, who played on the right wing for Atalanta but was never capped by Italy at senior level, was appointed Italy manager after the 1962 World Cup flop. He rebuilt successfully around new players such as Sandro Mazzola, Giacomo Bulgarelli, Angelo Sormani and Giacinto Facchetti but they blew up spectacularly at Ayresome Park, Middlesbrough, in a historic defeat. Fabbri, who resigned after the game, had to go into hiding on Italy's return home.

ARLEY ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ . . . aged 20, of Colombia's Deportivo Independiente, was shot dead in Medellin by gunmen trying to steal his motorcycle.

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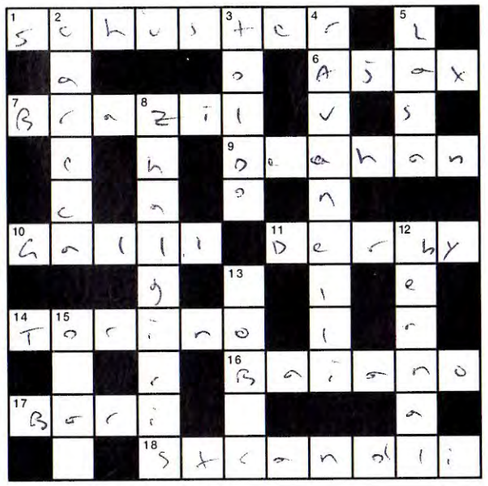
CLUES ACROSS
1. ..... Germany's Spanish 'exile' who returned to skipper Leverkusen (8)
6. .....European club champions, 1995 (4)
7. .....World Cup holders (6)
9. .....Mike Walker's immediate successor as Norwich manager (6)
10. .....'Keeper of Milan, Napoli, Torino, Parma and Italy (5)
11. .....1972 English champions managed by Brian Clough (5)
14. .....Italian Cup winners, 1993 (6)
16. .....Junior ..... - Sao Paulo defender at Werder Bremen (6)
17. .....Italy's San Nicola club (4)
18. .....Ex-IK Start Norwegian in England with Leeds UNited (8)

CLUES DOWN
2. .....Antonio De Oliveira Filho of Sao Paulo, Napoli and Brazil fame (6)
3. .....Fiorentina custodian, Francesco (5)
4. .....Ex-Reggiana forward of Juve and Italy (9)
5. .....Sociedad and Real Madrid left-back capped by Spain (4)
8. .....Lithuania's national stadium (9)
12. .....31-year-old Toluca midfielder in Mexico's 1994 World Cup squad (6)
13. .....Coach dismissed by VfB Stuttgart in '95 (5)
15. .....Home city of Algeria's Mouloudia (4)



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GROUP 1

04.09.94 Israel v Poland 2-1
07.09.94 Slovakia v France....0-0
07.09.94 Romania v Azerbaijan 3-0
08.10.94 France v Romania 0-0
12.10.94 Israel v Slovakia 2-2
12.10.94 Poland v Azerbaijan....1-0
12.11.94 Romania v Slovakia....3-2
16.11.94 Poland v France....0-0
16.11.94 Azerbaijan v Israel 0-2
13.12.94 Azerbaijan v France 0-2
14.12.94 Israel v Romania....1-1
29.03.95 Romania v Poland....2-1
29.03.95 Israel v France....0-0
29.03.95 Slovakia v Azerbaijan....4-1
25.04.95 Poland v Israel 4-3
26.04.95 France v Slovakia....4-0
26.04.95 Azerbaijan v Romania 1-4
07.06.95 Poland v Slovakia 5-0
07.06.95 Romania v Israel....2-1
16.08.95 France v Poland
16.08.95 Azerbaijan v Slovakia
06.09.95 France v Azerbaijan
06.09.95 Slovakia v Israel
06.09.95 Poland v Romania
11.10.95 Romania v France
11.10.95 Israel v Azerbaijan
11.10.95 Slovakia v Poland
15.11.95 Slovakia v Romania
15.11.95 Azerbaijan v Poland
15.11.95 France v Israel

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Romania	7	5	2	0	15	5	17
France	6	2	4	0	6	0	10
Poland	6	3	1	2	12	7	10
Israel	7	2	3	2	11	10	9
Slovakia	6	1	2	3	8	15	5
Azerbaijan	6	0	0	6	2	16	0

GROUP 2

07.09.94 Cyprus v Spain 1-2
07.09.94 Macedonia v Denmark....1-1
07.09.94 Belgium v Armenia 2-0
08.10.94 Armenia v Cyprus 0-0
12.10.94 Denmark v Belgium....3-1
12.10.94 Macedonia v Spain 0-2
16.11.94 Belgium v Macedonia....1-1
16.11.94 Spain v Denmark....3-0
16.11.94 Cyprus v Armenia 2-0
17.12.94 Belgium v Spain 1-4
17.12.94 Macedonia v Cyprus....3-0
29.03.95 Spain v Belgium 1-1
29.03.95 Cyprus v Denmark....1-1
26.04.95 Armenia v Spain 0-2
26.04.95 Belgium v Cyprus 2-0
26.04.95 Denmark v Macedonia....1-0
10.05.95 Armenia v Macedonia....2-2
07.06.95 Denmark v Cyprus....4-0
07.06.95 Macedonia v Belgium....0-5
07.06.95 Spain v Armenia 1-0
16.08.95 Armenia v Denmark
06.09.95 Belgium v Denmark
06.09.95 Spain v Cyprus
06.09.95 Macedonia v Armenia
07.10.95 Armenia v Belgium
11.10.95 Denmark v Spain
11.10.95 Cyprus v Macedonia
15.11.95 Spain v Macedonia
15.11.95 Cyprus v Belgium
15.11.95 Denmark v Armenia

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	7	6	1	0	15	3	19
Belgium	7	3	2	2	13	9	11
Denmark	6	3	2	1	10	6	11
Cyprus	7	1	2	4	4	12	5
Macedonia	7	1	3	3	7	12	6
Armenia	6	0	2	4	2	9	2

GROUP 3

07.09.94 Iceland v Sweden....0-1
07.09.94 Hungary v Turkey 2-2
12.10.94 Turkey v Iceland....5-0
12.10.94 Switzerland v Sweden 4-2
16.11.94 Switzerland v Iceland 1-0
16.11.94 Sweden v Hungary 2-0
14.12.94 Turkey v Switzerland....1-2
29.03.95 Turkey v Sweden 2-1
29.03.95 Hungary v Switzerland 2-2
26.04.95 Hungary v Sweden 1-0
26.04.95 Switzerland v Turkey 1-2
01.06.95 Sweden v Iceland....1-1
11.06.95 Iceland v Hungary....2-1
16.08.95 Iceland v Switzerland
06.09.95 Sweden v Switzerland
06.09.95 Turkey v Hungary
11.10.95 Switzerland v Hungary
11.10.95 Iceland v Turkey
11.11.95 Hungary v Iceland
15.11.95 Sweden v Turkey

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Turkey	5	3	1	1	12	6	10
Switzerland	5	3	1	1	10	7	10
Sweden	6	2	1	3	7	8	7
Hungary	5	1	2	2	6	8	5
Iceland	5	1	1	3	3	9	4

GROUP 4

04.09.94 Estonia v Croatia 0-2
07.09.94 Slovenia v Italy 1-1
07.09.94 Ukraine v Lithuania....0-2
08.10.94 Estonia v Italy 0-2
09.10.94 Croatia v Lithuania....2-0
12.10.94 Ukraine v Slovenia 0-0
13.11.94 Ukraine v Estonia 3-0
16.11.94 Slovenia v Lithuania 1-2
16.11.94 Italy v Croatia....1-2
25.03.95 Italy v Estonia....4-1
25.03.95 Croatia v Ukraine....4-0
29.03.95 Slovenia v Estonia....3-0
29.03.95 Ukraine v Italy....0-2
29.03.95 Lithuania v Croatia....0-0
26.04.95 Lithuania v Italy....0-1
26.04.95 Croatia v Slovenia 2-0
26.04.95 Estonia v Ukraine 0-1
07.06.95 Lithuania v Slovenia 2-1
11.06.95 Estonia v Slovenia....1-3
11.06.95 Ukraine v Croatia....1-0
16.08.95 Estonia v Lithuania
03.09.95 Croatia v Estonia
06.09.95 Italy v Slovenia
06.09.95 Lithuania v Ukraine
08.10.95 Croatia v Italy
11.10.95 Slovenia v Ukraine
11.10.95 Lithuania v Estonia
11.11.95 Italy v Ukraine
15.11.95 Slovenia v Croatia
15.11.95 Italy v Lithuania

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croatia	7	5	1	1	12	2	16
Italy	6	4	1	1	11	4	13
Lithuania	6	3	1	2	6	5	10
Ukraine	7	3	1	3	5	8	10
Slovenia	7	2	2	3	9	8	8
Estonia	7	0	0	7	2	18	0

GROUP 5

06.09.94 Czech Rep v Malta....6-1
07.09.94 Luxembourg v Holland....0-4
07.09.94 Norway v Byelorussia....1-0
12.10.94 Malta v Czech Rep 0-0
12.10.94 Byelorussia v Lux'brg....2-0
12.10.94 Norway v Holland....1-1
16.11.94 Byelorussia v Norway....0-4
16.11.94 Holland v Czech Rep 0-0
14.12.94 Malta v Norway....0-1
14.12.94 Holland v Luxembourg....5-0
22.02.95 Malta v Luxembourg 0-1
29.03.95 Czech v Byelorussia 4-2
29.03.95 Luxembourg v Norway 0-2
29.03.95 Holland v Malta 4-0
26.04.95 Byelorussia v Malta 1-1
26.04.95 Czech Rep v Holland 3-1
26.04.95 Norway v Luxembourg 5-0
07.06.95 Byelorussia v Holland....1-0
07.06.95 Lux'bourg v Czech Rep 1-0
07.06.95 Norway v Malta 2-0
16.08.95 Norway v Czech Rep
06.09.95 Czech Rep v Norway
06.09.95 Luxembourg v Malta
06.09.95 Holland v Byelorussia
07.10.95 Byelorussia v Czech Rep
11.10.95 Malta v Holland
11.10.95 Luxembourg v Byelorussia
12.11.95 Malta v Byelorussia
15.11.95 Czech Rep v Luxembourg
15.11.95 Holland v Norway

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Norway	7	6	1	0	16	1	19
Holland	7	3	2	2	15	5	11
Czech Rep	6	3	2	1	13	5	11
Byelorussia	6	2	1	3	6	10	7
Luxembourg	7	2	0	5	2	18	6
Malta	7	0	2	5	2	15	2

GROUP 6

20.04.94 N. Ireland v Lch'stein....4-1
07.09.94 Liechtenstein v Austria 0-4
07.09.94 N. Ireland v Portugal 1-2
07.09.94 Latvia v Rep. Ireland....0-3
09.10.94 Latvia v Portugal....1-3
12.10.94 Austria v N. Ireland 1-2
12.10.94 Rep Ireland v Lch'stein 4-0
13.11.94 Portugal v Austria 1-0
15.11.94 Liechtenstein v Latvia....0-1
16.11.94 N. Ireland v R. Ireland 0-4
18.12.94 Portugal v Lch'stein....8-0
29.03.95 R. Ireland v N. Ireland 1-1
29.03.95 Austria v Latvia 5-0
26.04.95 Rep. Ireland v Portugal....1-0
26.04.95 Latvia v N. Ireland....0-1
26.04.95 Austria v Liechtenstein 7-0
03.06.95 Portugal v Latvia....3-2
03.06.95 Lch'stein v Rep. Ireland 0-0
07.06.95 N. Ireland v Latvia....1-2
11.06.95 Rep. Ireland v Austria 1-3
15.08.95 Liechtenstein v Portugal
16.08.95 Latvia v Austria
03.09.95 Portugal v N. Ireland
06.09.95 Austria v Rep. Ireland
06.09.95 Latvia v Liechtenstein
11.10.95 Rep. Ireland v Latvia
11.10.95 Austria v Portugal
11.10.95 Liechtenstein v N. Ireland
15.11.95 Portugal v Rep. Ireland
15.11.95 N. Ireland v Austria

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portugal	6	5	0	1	17	5	15
Rep. Ireland	7	4	2	1	14	4	14
Austria	6	4	0	2	20	4	12
North Ireland	7	3	1	3	10	11	10
Latvia	7	2	0	5	6	16	6
Liechtenstein	7	0	1	6	1	28	1

GROUP 7

07.09.94 Wales v Albania 2-0
07.09.94 Georgia v Moldova 0-1
12.10.94 Moldova v Wales 3-2
12.10.94 Bulgaria v Georgia....2-0
16.11.94 Albania v Germany 1-2
16.11.94 Georgia v Wales....5-0
16.11.94 Bulgaria v Moldova 4-1
14.12.94 Wales v Bulgaria 0-3
14.12.94 Moldova v Germany 0-3
14.12.94 Albania v Georgia....0-1
18.12.94 Germany v Albania 2-1
29.03.95 Georgia v Germany....0-2
29.03.95 Bulgaria v Wales 3-1
29.03.95 Albania v Moldova 3-0
26.04.95 Germany v Wales 1-1
26.04.95 Moldova v Bulgaria 0-3
26.04.95 Georgia v Albania....2-0
07.06.95 Bulgaria v Germany 3-2
07.06.95 Wales v Georgia....0-1
07.06.95 Moldova v Albania 2-3
06.09.95 Germany v Georgia
06.09.95 Wales v Moldova
06.09.95 Albania v Bulgaria
07.10.95 Bulgaria v Albania
08.10.95 Germany v Moldova
11.10.95 Wales v Germany
11.10.95 Georgia v Bulgaria
15.11.95 Germany v Bulgaria
15.11.95 Albania v Wales
15.11.95 Moldova v Georgia

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bulgaria	6	6	0	0	18	4	18
Germany	6	4	1	1	12	6	13
Georgia	7	4	0	3	9	5	12
Albania	7	2	0	5	8	11	6
Moldova	7	2	0	5	7	18	6
Wales	7	1	1	5	6	16	4

GROUP 8

07.09.94 Finland v Scotland....0-2
07.09.94 Faroe Islands v Greece 1-5
12.10.94 Scotland v Faroes 5-1
12.10.94 Greece v Finland 4-0
12.10.94 Russia v San Marino 4-0
16.11.94 Scotland v Russia 1-1
16.11.94 Greece v San Marino 2-0
16.11.94 Finland v Faroe Islands....5-0
14.12.94 Finland v San Marino 4-1
18.12.94 Greece v Scotland....1-0
29.03.94 Russia v Scotland....0-0
29.03.95 San Marino v Finland 0-2
26.04.95 San Marino v Scotland....0-2
26.04.95 Greece v Russia 0-3
26.04.95 Faroe Islands v Finland....0-4
06.05.95 Russia v Faroe Islands 3-0
25.05.95 Faroes v San Marino....3-0
07.06.95 Faroes v Scotland 0-2
07.06.95 San Marino v Russia 0-7
11.06.95 Finland v Greece 2-1
16.08.95 Scotland v Greece
16.08.95 Finland v Russia
06.09.95 Scotland v Finland
06.09.95 Faroe Islands v Russia
06.09.95 San Marino v Greece
11.10.95 Russia v Greece
11.10.95 San Marino v Faroes
15.11.95 Scotland v San Marino
15.11.95 Russia v Finland
15.11.95 Greece v Faroe Islands

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Finland	7	5	0	2	17	8	15
Russia	6	4	2	0	18	1	14
Scotland	7	4	2	1	12	3	14
Greece	6	4	0	2	13	6	12
Faroes	7	1	0	6	5	24	3
San Marino	7	0	0	7	1	25	0

The European Championship Finals run from Saturday June 8, 1995, to Sunday June 30, at eight venues, with the competing nations split into four groups of four.
Group A: Wembley and Villa Park (Birmingham),
Group B: Elland Road (Leeds) and St James' Park (Newcastle),
Group C: Old Trafford (Manchester) and Anfield (Liverpool), and
Group D: Hillsborough (Sheffield) and City Ground (Nottingham).

FIRST ROUND

08.06.96 A1 v A2 ....Wembley 3.00
09.06.96 B1 v B2 ....Leeds 2.30
09.06.96 C1 v C2....Manchester 5.00
09.06.96 D1 v D2....Sheffield 7.30
10.06.96 A3 v A4....Birmingham 4.30
10.06.96 B3 v B4 ....Newcastle 7.30
11.06.96 C3 v C4....Liverpool 4.30
11.06.96 D3 v D4....Nottingham 7.30
13.06.96 A2 v A3....Birmingham 7.30
13.06.96 B2 v B3 ....Newcastle 4.30
14.06.96 C2 v C3....Liverpool 7.30
14.06.96 D2 v D3....Nottingham 4.30
15.06.96 A4 v A1 ....Wembley 3.00
15.06.96 B4 v B1 ....Leeds 6.00
16.06.96 C4 v C1....Manchester 3.00
16.06.96 D4 v D1....Sheffield 6.00
18.06.96 A4 v A2....Birmingham 7.30
18.06.96 B4 v B2 ....Newcastle 4.30
18.06.96 A3 v A1 ....Wembley 7.30
18.06.96 B3 v B1 ....Leeds 4.30
19.06.96 C4 v C2....Liverpool 7.30
19.06.96 D4 v D2....Nottingham 4.30
19.06.96 C3 v C1....Manchester 7.30
19.06.96 D3 v D1....Sheffield 4.30

QUARTER-FINALS

22.06.96 1B v 2A ....Liverpool 6.30
22.06.96 2B v 1A ....Wembley 3.00
23.06.96 1C v 2D....Manchester 3.00
23.06.96 2C v 1D ....Birmingham 6.30

SEMI-FINALS

26.06.96 QF1 v QF4 ....Manchester 4.00
26.06.96 QF2 v QF3 ....Wembley 7.30

FINAL

30.06.96 SF1 v SF2....Wembley 7.00

RESULTS

Kick-off in France and Switzerland . . . InterToto Cup final tables . . .

FRANCE

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JULY 23

WEEKEND

BASTIA 2 (Laurent 22, Drobnjak 90)
PARIS SG 2 (Rai 11, 17). **Att:** 6,000.

CANNES 3 (Bedrossian 67, Horlaville 70, Kozniku 86)
LYON 0. **Att:** 6,000.

BORDEAUX 1 (Dutuel 15)
LILLE 0. **Att:** 12,000.

GUEGNON 0
METZ 0. **Att:** 5,572.

GUINGAMP 2 (Divert 56, Rouxel 62)
MARTIGUES 0. **Att:** 10,000.

LENS 2 (Camara 40, 56)
LE HAVRE 0. **Att:** 26,050.

MONACO 3 (Da Silva pen 66, 70, Ikpeba 89)
RENNES 1 (Grassi pen 45). **Att:** 7,000.

MONTPELIER 2 (Lefevre 22, Thetis 69)
STRASBOURG 2 (Baticle 35, Thetis og 82). **Att:** 14,792.

NANTES 1 (Pedros 10)
AUXERRE 0. **Att:** 30,000.

ST ETIENNE 1 (Mannucci 48)
NICE 1 (Mangione 18). **Att:** 15,946.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JULY 30

WEEKEND

NICE 1 (Nagbe 15)
MONACO 2 (Viaud 41, Madar 61). **Att:** 9,476.

AUXERRE 4 (Silvestre 45, Guivarc'h 46, Martins 54, Tasfaout 68)
GUEUGNON 0. **Att:** 10,000.

BORDEAUX 2 (Lizarazu pen 18, Dogon 36)
ST ETIENNE 0. **Att:** 12,000.

LILLE 0
BASTIA 2 (Drobnjak 32, Rodriguez 59). **Att:** 7,500.

LYON 3 (Assadourian 35, Maurice 63, Gava 87)
MONTPELIER 2 (Sanchez 44, 61 pen). **Att:** 24,000.

MARTIGUES 0
NANTES 4 (Pedros 10, N'Doram 53, 60, 85 pen). **Att:**6,000.

METZ 2 (Pouget 10, N'Diaye 75)
LENS 0. **Att:** 13,000.

PARIS SG 1 (Dely Valdes 42)
GUINGAMP 1 (Divert 57). **Att:** 37,388.

RENNES 3 (Andre 12, Huard 22, Cyprien 90)
CANNES 2 (Horlaville 14, 37). **Att:** 12,000.

STRASBOURG 3 (Keller 22, Mostovoi 73, Gohel 85)
LE HAVRE 0. **Att:** 15,000.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nantes	2	2	0	0	5	0	6
Monaco	2	2	0	0	5	2	6
Bordeaux	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
Strasbourg	2	1	1	0	5	2	4
Bastia	2	1	1	0	4	2	4
Guingamp	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
Metz	2	1	1	0	2	0	4
Auxerre	2	1	0	1	4	1	3
Cannes	2	1	0	1	5	3	3
Lens	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Rennes	2	1	0	1	4	5	3
Lyon	2	1	0	1	3	5	3
Paris SG	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
Montpellier	2	0	1	1	4	5	1
Nice	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
St Etienne	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
Guegnon	2	0	1	1	0	4	1
Lille	2	0	0	2	0	3	0
Le Havre	2	0	0	2	0	5	0
Martigues	2	0	0	2	0	6	0

SWITZERLAND

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JULY 23

MIDWEEK

AARAU 2 (Wiederkehr 6, 56)
FC ZURICH 0. **Att:** 5,600.

BASEL 2 (Rey 24, 28)
SION 1 (Vercruysse 48). **Att:** 14,000.

GRASSHOPPER 1 (Thuler 65)
SERVETTE 1 (Neuville 12). **Att:** 5,900.

LAUSANNE 3 (Kaslin 23, Romano 56, Aleksandrov og 70)
LUCERNE 1 (Gmur 41). **Att:** 4,200.

NEUCHATEL XAMAX 0
YOUNG BOYS 1 (Dittgen 3). **Att:** 11,200.

ST GALLEN 3 (Brunner 37, Frick 54, 72)
LUGANO 0. **Att:** 7,000.

WEEKEND

LUGANO 1 (Erceg 50)
LAUSANNE 1 (Romano 35). **Att:** 3,200.

SERVETTE 3 (Sesa 3, Fernandez pen 36, Neuville 40)
NEUCHATEL XAMAX 0. **Att:** 5,300.

SION 2 (Thuler og 59, Vercruysse 90)
GRASSHOPPER 1 (Cornisetti 1). **Att:** 9,500.

YOUNG BOYS 1 (Dittgen 53)
BASEL 4 (Walker 24, Rey 78, Zuffi 82, 84). **Att:** 9,000.

FC ZURICH 0
ST GALLEN 4 (Tejeda 22 Milton 45, Frick 72, Zellweger 78). **Att:** 5,200.

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JULY 30

MIDWEEK

LUCERNE 3 (Aleksandrov 65, Fink 67, T. Wyss 83)
AARAU 0. **Att:** 11,000.

WEEKEND

LUCERNE 1 (Aleksandrov 10)
FC ZURICH 0. **Att:** 9,600.

NEUCHATEL XAMAX 1 (Kunz 86), **BASEL 0**. **Att:** 15,200.

SERVETTE 0
SION 1 (Kombouare 51). **Att:** 7,600.

ST GALLEN 2 (Zellweger 68, Steingruber 90)
LAUSANNE 1 (Dembinski 28). **Att:** 10,200.

YOUNG BOYS 3 (Negrouz 19, Christensen 61, Dittgen 65)
LUGANO 1 (Esposito 21). **Att:** 5,500.

SWITZERLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Gallen	3	3	0	0	9	1	9
Basle	3	2	0	1	6	3	6
Lucerne	3	2	0	1	5	3	6
FC Sion	3	2	0	1	4	3	6
Young Boys	3	2	0	1	5	5	6
Servette	3	1	1	1	4	2	4
Lausanne	3	1	1	1	5	4	4
FC Aarau	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
Neuchatel Xamax	3	1	0	2	1	4	3
Grasshopper	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Lugano	3	0	1	2	2	7	1
FC Zurich	3	0	0	3	0	7	0

EURO TABLES

BYELORUSSIA – Final

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Din. Minsk	30	20	8	2	83	25	48
Kim Vitebsk	30	17	12	1	46	13	46
Din.-93 Minsk	30	16	10	4	53	22	42
Molodechno	30	12	11	7	48	30	35
Dniepr Mogilev	30	12	9	9	43	33	33
Torpedo Minsk	30	11	10	9	36	29	32
Neman Grodno	30	10	10	10	24	27	30
Obuvshcik Lida	30	10	10	10	31	35	30
Din. Brest	30	9	10	11	33	33	28
Fandok	30	8	12	10	31	35	28
Tor. Mogilev	30	8	12	10	28	33	28
Vedrich Rechitsa	30	10	8	12	22	33	28
Shinnik	30	7	9	14	31	50	23
Shakhtyor Solig	30	6	9	15	24	41	21
Gomselm. Gomel	30	6	6	18	26	59	18
Lok. Vitebsk	30	3	4	23	14	75	10

MOLDOVA – Final

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Zimbru	26	21	4	1	65	10	67
Tiligul Tiraspol	26	21	3	2	77	16	66
Olimpia Balti	26	17	6	3	54	24	57
Tighina Bender	26	18	2	6	43	18	56
Nistru Otaci	26	15	4	7	55	25	49
MHM 93	26	10	6	10	28	30	36
Bugeac Comrat	26	10	1	15	29	56	31
FC Agro	26	8	6	12	24	37	30
Codru Calaras	26	8	5	13	26	34	29
Torentul	26	6	5	15	24	45	23
Sportul	26	7	2	17	23	46	23
Progresul Bricenl	26	7	1	17	22	56	23
Nistru Cioburciu	26	5	5	16	27	46	20
Cristalul Falesti	26	2	3	21	15	69	9

UKRAINE – Final

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kiev Dynamo	34	25	8	1	87	24	83
Chernomorets	34	22	7	5	62	29	73
Dnipro	34	19	8	7	60	33	65
Shakhtyor	34	18	8	8	52	29	62
Tavria	34	17	8	9	61	37	59
Krivbas	34	13	9	12	35	30	48
Torpedo	34	15	3	16	40	40	48
Karpaty Ivov	34	12	9	13	32	36	45
Metalurg	34	11	10	13	47	42	43
Kremin	34	12	6	16	42	54	42
Prikarpattie	34	11	8	15	40	52	41
Niva Ternopil	34	11	5	18	40	44	38
SC Nikolayev	34	11	5	18	33	59	38
Niva Vinnitsa	34	10	7	17	38	51	37
Volyn	34	11	3	20	29	58	36
Zariya-Mals	34	10	5	19	35	70	35
Temp	34	10	4	20	31	41	34
Veres	34	8	7	19	28	63	31

UEFA-INTERTOTO CUP

FIRST ROUND – FINAL TABLES

Group 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Karlsruhe (Ger)	4	3	1	0	13	4	10
Sheff Wed (Eng)	4	2	1	1	7	5	7
Basel (Swi)	4	2	0	2	7	6	6
AGF Aarhus (Den)	4	2	0	2	6	8	6
Gornik Zabrze (Pol)	4	0	0	4	5	15	0

Group 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Koln (Ger)	4	2	2	0	11	2	8
Lucerne (Swi)	4	2	2	0	8	5	8
Osters (Swe)	4	2	1	1	7	5	7
Tottenham (Eng)	4	1	0	3	3	13	3
Rudar (Sloven)	4	0	1	3	3	7	1

Group 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aarau (Swi)	4	2	2	0	14	8	8
Ekeren (Bel)	4	2	2	0	10	5	8
Tromso (Nor)	4	2	1	1	13	4	7
HB (Fil)	4	0	2	2	2	17	2
Univ. Cluj (Rom)	4	0	1	3	3	8	1

Group 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Heerenveen (Hol)	4	3	0	1	13	2	9
Uniao Leiria (Por)	4	2	2	0	7	3	8
Naestved (Den)	4	1	2	1	7	6	5
Bekescsabai (Hun)	4	1	2	1	9	9	5
Ton Pentre (Wal)	4	0	0	4	0	16	0

Group 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bordeaux (Fra)	4	3	1	0	13	3	10
OB Odense (Den)	4	3	0	1	7	7	9
HJK Helsinki (Fin)	4	1	2	1	6	6	5
Norrkoping (Swe)	4	1	1	2	10	10	4
Bohemians (Ire)	4	0	0	4	2	12	0

Group 6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Metz (Fra)	4	4	0	0	5	1	12
Linzer ASK (Aut)	4	1	2	1	4	4	5
FC Zagreb (Cro)	4	1	2	1	2	2	5
Partick Th (Sco)	4	1	1	2	6	6	4
IBK Keflavik (Ice)	4	0	1	3	3	7	1

Group 7

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leverkusen (Ger)	4	4	0	0	12	1	12
OFI Crete (Gre)	4	3	0	1	8	5	9
NEA (Cyp)	4	1	1	2	4	5	4
Buducnost (Yug)	4	1	1	2	7	9	4
Tervis Pamu (Est)	4	0	0	4	2	13	0

Group 8

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FC Farul (Rom)	4	3	1	0	6	2	10
Cannes (Fra)	4	2	2	0	5	3	8
Dnepr (Ukr)	4	1	2	1	7	8	5
FC Becej (Yug)	4	1	0	3	4	6	3
P Szczecin (Pol)	4	0	1	3	6	9	1

Group 9

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ceahlaul (Rom)	4	3	1	0	6	0	10
Groningen (Hol)	4	2	2	0	7	3	8
Beveren (Bel)	4	1	1	2	6	8	4
Etar (Bul)	4	1	0	3	4	9	3
Boby Brno (Cze)	4	1	0	3	6	9	3

Group 10

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bursaspor (Tur)	4	3	1	0	9	1	10
FC Kosice (Yug)	4	2	2	0	10	7	8
Charleroi (Bel)	4	2	0	2	6	5	6
Wimbledon (Eng)	4	0	2	2	1	8	2
Beitar (Isr)	4	0	1	3	3	8	1

Group 11

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Strasbourg (Fra)	4	3	1	0	12	1	10
FC Tirol (Aut)	4	3	0	1	9	6	9
Genclerbirligi (Tur)	4	2	0	2	10	7	6
Hapoel PT (Isr)	4	0	2	2	1	7	2
Floriana (Mal)	4	0	1	3	1	12	1

Group 12

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Vorwarts (Aut)	4	3	1

RESULTS

Uruguay win Copa America . . . Libertadores Cup quarter-final scores . . . final African Nations Cup tables . . . South African results . . . latest from the J.League . . .

Jul 13 = Rivera – Copa America
ECUADOR 3 (Diaz 63, Mora 75)
PERU 1 (Tenorio og 84)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Dlugniewski (Uru)
Peru: Miranda – Rivera, Dulanto, Jose Soto, Olivares, Del Solar, Solano (Rodriguez 46), Palacios, Baroni, Ramirez (Carty 46).
Ecuador: Morales – Guaman, Tenorio, I Hurtado, Capurro, Carcelen*, Quinonez (Mora 46), Garay (Noriega 85), Diaz (Ron 73), Aguinaga, E Hurtado.
* = *Carcelen sent off, 65min.*

Jul 13 = Montevideo – Copa America
URUGUAY 1 (Saralegui 75)
MEXICO 1 (Luis Garcia 69)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Castrilli (Arg)
Uruguay: Alvez – Mendez, Herrera, Moas, Adinolfi, Bengoechea (Abeijon 68), Dorta, Saralegui, R da Silva, Martinez, R Sosa (M Otero 68).
Mexico: Campos – Gutierrez, Suarez, Vidrio, Ramon Rodriguez (Del Olmo 46), Bernal, J Rodriguez, Garcia Aspe, Espinosa (Salvador 87), Coyote, Luis Garcia.

FRIDAY, JULY 14

Jul 14 = Nouakchott – Af Chp
MAURITANIA 2 (Ahmed Sidibe 12, Magaye Wade 60)
TOGO 1 (Ouadja Lantam 82)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 6,000.

Jul 14 = Cairo – Af Chp
EGYPT 1 (Ibrahim al-Masry 61)
ALGERIA 1 (Kasi Saeed 42)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 100,000.
Egypt: H El Saed – Redwan, H Ramzy, El Ashry, Nakhla, Kamona – Salaheddine (Hamza El Gamal 84), Sahim, Khashaba – El Sawy, El Kas (El Masry 59).
Algeria: Haniched – Hamdani, Soltani, Hamrouche, Meftah – Dziri, Menad (Dahleb 69), Saib, Zerrouki – Tsfaout, Kaci Said (Zekri 85).

Jul 14 = Paysandu – Copa America
UNITED STATES 3 (Klopas 21, Lalas 32, Wynalda 59)
ARGENTINA 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 11,000. **Ref:** Rezende (Brz)
Argentina: Bossio – Altamirano, Ayala, Fabbri, Schurrer, Perez, Escudero (Simeone 46), Espina (Ortega 46), Gallardo, Batistuta, Acosta (Balbo 70).
US: Keller – Balboa (Burns 16), Lalas, Caligiuri, Dooley, Harkes, Jones, Stewart, Klopas (Ramos 46), Wynalda, Moore.

Jul 14 = Paysandu – Copa America
BOLIVIA 2 (Mercado 78, Ramos 88)
CHILE 2 (Basay 56, 62)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 11,000. **Ref:** Tejada (Peru)
Bolivia: Trucco – Rimba, Sandy, Pena, Cristaldo, Melgar, Borja, Etcheverry, Sanchez (Ramos 70), Angola (Mercado 70), Baldivieso.
Chile: Ramirez – Mendoza, Vilches, Margas, Perez (Salas 46), Ramirez, Acuna (Valencia 35), Parraguez, Galdames, Rosental (Torrico 81), Basay.

SATURDAY, JULY 15

Jul 15 = Tunis – Af Chp
TUNISIA 4 (Ben Rekhissa 47, 83, Beya 56, Ben Hassen 69)
SENEGAL 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 30,000.

Jul 15 = Kampala – Af Chp
UGANDA 2 (George Semogerere 71, Augustine Barigye 74)
SUDAN 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 25,000.

July 15 = Dar es Salaam – Af Chp
TANZANIA 2 (Mohamed Hussein 8, Edibily Lunyamila 11)
ETHIOPIA 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 10,000.

Jul 15 = Lusaka – Af Chp
ZAMBIA 2 (Dennis Lota 57, Johnson Bwalya 72)
MAURITIUS 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 35,000.

SUNDAY, JULY 16

Jul 16 = Maputo – Af Chp
MOZAMBIQUE 2 (Faife 15, Nana 46)
ANGOLA 1 (Paulao 75)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 50,000.

Jul 16 = Windhoek – Af Chp
NAMIBIA 0
GUINEA 0
Att: 2,000.

Jul 16 = Bamako – Af Chp
MALI 4 (Djibril Diawara 12, 50, Seyba Lamine Traore 46, Oumar Bagayogo 85)
BOTSWANA 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 20,000.

Jul 16 = Blantyre – Af Chp
MALAWI 1 (Chance Gondwe 55)
CAMEROON 3 (Sunday Mbarang 5, Georges Mouyeme 42, 68)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 25,000.

Jul 16 = Montevideo – Copa America qtr fnl
COLOMBIA 1 (Rincon 54)
PARAGUAY 1 (Villamayor 28)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Imperatore (Chi)
Colombia won 5-4 on pens after 90mins
Colombia: Higuita – Cabrera, Mendoza, Bermudez, Santa, Gaviria (Lozano 46), Alvarez, Valderrama, Rincon, F Asprilla, Aristizabal (Arboleda 46).
Paraguay: Battaglia – Arce, Gamarra, Ayala, Jara, Struway, Acuna, Villamayor, Baez (Denis 72), Samaniego, Campos.

Jul 16 = Montevideo – Copa America qtr fnl
URUGUAY 2 (M Otero 2, Fonseca 30)
BOLIVIA 1 (Sanchez 71)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** Rodas (Ecu)
Uruguay: Alvez – Mendez, Moas, Herrera, T Silva, A Gutierrez, Dorta, Francescoli, Poyet (Saralegui 66), M Otero (Abeijon 81), Fonseca (R Sosa 35).
Bolivia: Trucco – Rimba, Pena, Sandy, Cristaldo, Melgar, Sanchez (Angola 88), Etcheverry, Borja (Ruiz 60), Baldivieso, Mercado (Pena 46).

MONDAY, JULY 17

Jul 17 = Paysandu – Copa America qtr fnl
UNITED STATES 0
MEXICO 0
Att: 15,000. **Ref:** Ruiz (Col)
US won 4-1 on pens after 90mins
US: Friedel – Burns, Caligiuri, Lalas, Reyna (Sorber 71), Stewart (Klopas 68), Dooley, Harkes, Jones (Ramos 84), Moore, Wynalda.
Mexico: Campos – Jorge Rodriguez, Suarez, Gutierrez, Vidrio, Bernal (Ambriz 79), Garcia Aspe*, Coyote, Espinoza (Galindo 68), Salvador (Hermosillo 68), Luis Garcia.
* = *Garcia Aspe sent off, 89min.*

Jul 17 = Rivera – Copa America qtr fnl
BRAZIL 2 (Edmundo 9, Tulio 80)
ARGENTINA 2 (Balbo 2, Batistuta 36)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** Tejada (Peru).
Brazil won 4-2 on pens after 90mins
Argentina: Cristante – Zanetti, Caceres, Fabbri, Chamot, Simeone, Astrada*, Borrelli, Ortega (Perez 46), Batistuta (Ayala 81), Balbo (Acosta 78).
* = *Astrada sent off, 44min; coach Daniel Passarella sent off, 75min.*
Brazil: Taffarel – Jorginho, Aldair, Andre Cruz, Roberto Carlos, Dunga, Cesar Sampaio*, Leonardo (Tulio 60), Juninho, Edmundo, Savio.
* = *Cesar Sampaio sent off, 82min*

Jul 17 = Kuala Lumpur – Merdeka Tmt
MALAYSIA 2 (Annuar Abu Bakar 22, Liew Kim Tu 28 pen)
SOUTH KOREA 1 (Lee Woo Young 14)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 15,000.

TUESDAY, JULY 18

Jul 18 = Kuala Lumpur – Merdeka Tmt
HUNGARY 3 (Robert Iovan 12, 64, Mracsko 89)
UZBEKISTAN 2 (Usmankhodjoev 34, Khasanov 59)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 12,000.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

Jul 19 = Kuala Lumpur – Merdeka Tmt
SOUTH KOREA 2 (Lee Woo Young 35, 50)
IRAQ 2 (Abbas Jassim 61, Sadiq Abdul Ridha 63)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 10,000.

Jul 19 = Montevideo – Copa America semi-final
URUGUAY 2 (Adinolfi 52, M Otero 70)
COLOMBIA 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 28,000. **Ref:** Felix Benegas (Par).
Uruguay: Alvez – Mendez, Herrera, Moas, Adinolfi (Abeijon 80), T Silva, Dorta, A Gutierrez, Poyet (Saralegui 84), Francescoli (Martinez 75), M Otero.
Colombia: Higuita – Cabrera, Mendoza, Bermudez, Santa (Cardona 73), Lozano, Alvarez, Valderrama, Rincon, Asprilla, Arboleda (Leon 70).

Jul 19 = Kingston – Shell Caribbean Cup
JAMAICA 2 (Onandi Lowe 10, Hector Wright 59 pen)
ST LUCIA 1 (Titus Elva 37)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 2,000.

Jul 19 = Kingston – Shell Caribbean Cup
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO 2 (Angus Eve 31, 76)
CUBA 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 2,000.

THURSDAY, JULY 20

Jul 20 = Kuala Lumpur – Merdeka Tmt
BULGARIA 0
UZBEKISTAN 0
Att: 7,500.

Jul 20 = Maldonado – Copa America semi-final
BRAZIL 1 (Aldair 13)
UNITED STATES 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 9,000. **Ref:** Rodas (Ecu).
Brazil: Taffarel – Jorginho, Aldair, Andre Cruz, Roberto Carlos – Leandro (Beto 30), Dunga, Zinho, Juninho – Edmundo, Savio (Tulio 76).
US: Friedel – Burns, Lalas, Caligiuri, Dooley, Harkes, Jones (Klopas 69), Ramos, Stewart, Wynalda (Sorber 78), Moore.

SATURDAY, JULY 22

Jul 22 = Maldonado – Copa America 3rd place play-off
COLOMBIA 4 (Quinonez 32, Valderrama 39, Asprilla 48, Rincon 75)
UNITED STATES 1 (Moore 49 pen)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 2,000. **Ref:** Imperatore (Chi).
Colombia: Higuita – Cabrera, Mendoza, Bermudez, Cardona, Lozano, Alvarez, Rincon, Valderrama, Asprilla, Quinonez.
US: Keller – Burns (Jones 63), Caligiuri, Lalas, Lapper, Reyna, Klopas, Steward, Sorber (Ramos 37), Moore, Kirovski (Kerr 46).

Jul 22 = Oslo – friendly
NORWAY 0
FRANCE 0
Att: 12,030. **Ref:** Luyten (Hol)
Norway: Thorstvedt – Halle (Haaland 46), E Johnsen, Berg, Nilsen (R Johnsen 64), Flo, Solbakken, Leonhardsen, Fjortoft, Rekdal (Ingebrigtsen 87), Mjelde.
France: Lama – Thuram, Lizarazu, Roche, Blanc, Le Guen (Leboeuf 68), Makelele, Guerin, Cocard (Martins 73), Zidane (Djorkaeff 46), Pedros.

Jul 22 = Kuala Lumpur – Merdeka Tournament
BULGARIA 0
HUNGARY 0
Att: 8,000.

SUNDAY, JULY 23

Jul 23 = Montevideo – Copa America Final
URUGUAY 1 (Bengoechea 53)
BRAZIL 1 (Tulio 30)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 75,000. **Ref:** Arturo Brizio (Mex).
Uruguay won 5-3 on pens after 90mins
Shoot-out *(Uruguay first):* Francescoli 1-0, Roberto Carlos 1-1; Bengoechea 2-1, Zinho 2-2; Herrera 3-2, Tulio saved 3-2; Gutierrez 4-2, Dunga 4-3; Martinez 5-3.
Uruguay: Alvez – Mendez, Moas, Herrera, T Silva (Adinolfi 32), A Gutierrez, Dorta (Bengoechea 46), Francescoli, Poyet, Fonseca (Martinez 46), M Otero.
Brazil: Taffarel – Jorginho, Aldair, Andre Cruz, Roberto Carlos, Cesar Sampaio, Dunga, Juninho (Beto 79), Zinho, Edmundo, Tulio.

Jul 23 = George Town, Cayman Islands – Shell Caribbean Cup 2nd rnd
ST VINCENT 5 (Jacks 2, Prince, Hinds, Velox pen)
ANTIGUA 1 (Gonsalves)

Jul 23 = George Town, Cayman Islands – Shell Caribbean Cup 2nd rnd
CAYMAN ISLANDS 1 (Samuels 82)
FRENCH GUYANA 0

Jul 23 = Kingston, Jamaica – Shell Caribbean Cup 2nd rnd
CUBA 1
ST LUCIA 0

Jul 23 = Kingston, Jamaica – Shell Caribbean Cup 2nd rnd
JAMAICA 1
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO 0

TUESDAY, JULY 25

Jul 25 = Kuala Lumpur - Merdeka Tmt semi-final
IRAQ 1 (Hussam Naje 69)
BULGARIA 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 12,000.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

Jul 26 = Kuala Lumpur – Merdeka Tmt semi-final
MALAYSIA 0
HUNGARY 2 (Fodor 36, Fischer 69)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 22,000.

THURSDAY, JULY 27

Jul 27 = George Town – CONCACAF Gold Cup qual
ST VINCENT 3 (Hinds 46, Jack 48, Prince 51)
CUBA 2 (Hernandes 13, Azcuy 68)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 1,500.

OTHER MATCHES

***Jul 2:* COLOMBIA 2 RIVER PLATE 0; SAN LORENZO 2 UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA 2; INDEPENDIENTE SF (Col) 0 NACIONAL (Ecu) 2.**

SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA

National A Division – Closing Championship *(Final)*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
San Lorenzo	19	14	2	3	31	12	30
Gim.La Plata	19	12	9	2	29	13	29
Velez Sarsfield	19	12	4	3	31	13	28
Boca Juniors	19	9	6	4	33	19	24
Dep. Espanol	19	10	4	5	27	13	24
Racing Club	19	6	8	5	20	19	20
Rosario Central	19	5	9	5	29	23	19
Platense	19	4	11	4	15	14	19
Lanus	19	7	4	8	21	19	18
River Plate	19	7	4	8	29	30	18
Independiente	19	7	4	8	24	26	18
Gim. Jujuy	19	4	9	6	19	23	17
Banfield	19	5	6	8	17	22	16
FC Oeste	19	4	8	7	12	20	16
Newell's OB	19	5	5	9	21	27	15
Talleres	19	3	9	7	20	29	15
Belgrano	19	5	5	9	12	26	15
Dep. Mandiyu	19	3	8	8	18	27	14
Huracan	19	3	7	9	20	35	13
Argentinos Jun.	19	2	8	9	18	36	12

Relegated: *Deportivo Mandiyu & Talleres Cordoba on worst points average over last three seasons.*

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Rio de Janeiro Championship – Final round *(Final)*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fluminense	14	10	3	1	25	10	33
Flamengo (3)	14	9	2	3	38	18	32
Botafogo (1)	14	9	2	3	25	8	30
Vasco (1)	14	5	6	3	2	12	22
America	14	3	3	8	11	19	12
Bangu	14	2	6	6	11	20	12
Volta Redonda	14	3	3	8	12	31	12
Entrerriense	14	1	3	10	6	31	6

Sao Paulo Championship – Semi-final round

Group 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mogi Mirim	5	3	1	1	8	6	10
Palmeiras	5	2	3	0	5	3	9
Guarani	5	1	1	3	4	5	4
Sao Paulo	5	1	1	3	3	6	4
Group 2							
Corinthians	5	4	1	0	9	3	13
Portuguesa (1)	5	3	0	2	8	4	10
Santos	5	1	2	2	8	10	5
Uniao Sao Joao	5	0	1	4	4	12	1

Figures in brackets = bonus points for taking leading places in regular championships in both state championships.

LIBERTADORES CUP

Quarter-finals

1st leg
26.07.95 River Plate v Velez Sarsfield.....1-1
26.07.95 At. Nacional v Millonarios.....2-1
26.07.95 Emelec v Sporting Crystal.....3-1
26.07.95 Gremio v Palmeiras.....5-0

2nd leg
02.08.95 Velez Sarsfield v River Plate *(I)*...1-1
Agg: 2-2, River Plate won 5-3 on pens
02.08.95 Millonarios v At. Nacional *(J)*.....*1-1*
Atletico Nacional won 3-2 on agg
02.08.95 Sporting Crystal v Emelec *(K)*...1-1
Emelec won 4-2 on agg
02.08.95 Palmeiras v Gremio *(L)*.....5-1
Gremio won 6-5 on agg

Semi-finals

1st leg
09.08.95 River Plate v Atletico Nacional
09.08.95 Emelec v Gremio

2nd leg
16.08.95 Atletico Nacional v River Plate
16.08.95 Gremio v Emelec

Final

1st leg
23.08.95 semi-final winners

2nd leg
30.08.95 semi-final winners

1996 AFRICAN NATIONS CUP

- *Nigeria qualify as holders*
- *South Africa qualify as hosts*

GROUP 1

04.09.94 Zaire v Malawi 1-1
04.09.94 Zimbabwe v Lesotho.....5-0
Result nullified, Lesotho withdrew
15.10.94 Malawi v Zimbabwe 3-1
16.10.94 Cameroon v Zaire.....1-0
13.11.94 Lesotho v Cameroon.....2-0
Result nullified, Lesotho withdrew
13.11.94 Zimbabwe v Zaire 2-1
08.01.95 Cameroon v Malawi 0-0
08.01.95 Zaire v Lesotho 3-0
Result nullified, Lesotho withdrew
22.01.95 Lesotho v Malawi 0-2
Result nullified, Lesotho withdrew
22.01.95 Zimbabwe v Cameroon.....4-1
09.04.95 Malawi v Zaire 0-1
09.04.95 Lesotho v Zimbabwe.....0-2
Result nullified, Lesotho withdrew
23.04.95 Zaire v Cameroon.....2-1
23.04.95 Zimbabwe v Malawi 1-1
04.06.95 Cameroon v Lesotho.....4-1
Result nullified, Lesotho withdrew
04.06.95 Zaire v Zimbabwe 5-0
16.07.95 Malawi v Cameroon 1-3
30.07.95 Cameroon v Zimbabwe.....1-0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ZAIRE	6	3	1	2	10	5	7
CAMEROON	6	3	1	2	7	7	7
MALAWI	6	1	3	2	6	7	5
ZIMBABWE	6	2	1	3	8	12	5

- *Swaziland withdrew*
- *Lesotho withdrew*

GROUP 2

03.09.94 Senegal v Mauritania.....0-0
04.09.94 Guinea-Bissau v Tunisia ...1-3
Result nullified, Guinea-Bissau withdrew
04.09.94 Liberia v Togo 1-0
14.10.94 Mauritania v Guinea-Bissau ...1-1
Result nullified, Guinea-Bissau withdrew
16.10.94 Togo v Senegal 2-0
11.11.94 Mauritania v Liberia 1-1
13.11.94 Guinea-Bissau v Senegal..1-4
Result nullied, Guinea-Bissau withdrew
13.11.94 Tunisia v Togo 1-1
07.01.95 Senegal v Tunisia 0-0
08.01.95 Togo v Mauritania 0-0
22.01.95 Liberia v Senegal.....1-1
29.01.95 Tunisia v Mauritania 1-0
10.02.95 Tunisia v Liberia 0-0
07.04.95 Mauritania v Senegal.....0-1
09.04.95 Togo v Liberia 0-0
22.04.95 Senegal v Togo 5-1
23.04.95 Liberia v Tunisia 1-0
04.06.96 Liberia v Mauritania 2-0
04.06.95 Togo v Tunisia.....0-1
14.07.95 Mauritania v Togo 2-1
15.07.95 Tunisia v Senegal 4-0
30.07.95 Mauritania v Tunisia 0-0
30.07.95 Senegal v Liberia.....3-0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
TUNISIA	8	3	4	1	7	2	10
LIBERIA	8	3	4	1	6	5	10
SENEGAL	8	3	3	2	10	8	9
MAURITANIA	8	1	4	3	3	6	6
TOGO	8	1	3	4	5	10	5

- *Guinea-Bissau withdrew*

GROUP 3

04.09.94 Congo v Gambia 1-1
Result nullied, Gambia withdrew
04.09.94 Ghana v Sierra Leone.....4-1
16.10.94 Niger v Ghana 1-5
Result nullied, Niger withdrew
16.10.94 Sierra Leone v Congo 3-2
12.11.94 Gambia v Ghana 1-2
Result nullied, Gambia withdrew
13.11.94 Niger v Sierra Leone.....4-2
Result nullied, Niger withdrew
07.01.95 Sierra Leone v Gambia.....2-0
08.01.95 Congo v Niger 3-1
Result nullied, Niger withdrew
22.01.95 Ghana v Congo 3-1
22.01.95 Niger v Gambia 1-1
Result nullied, Gambia & Niger withdrew
08.04.95 Sierra Leone v Ghana.....1-0
09.04.95 Gambia v Congo 1-1
Result nullied, Gambia withdrew
22.04.95 Congo v Sierra Leone 0-2
23.04.95 Ghana v Niger 1-0
Result nullied, Niger withdrew
03.06.95 Sierra Leone v Niger.....5-1
Result nullied, Niger withdrew
30.07.95 Congo v Ghana 0-2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
GHANA	4	3	0	1	9	3	6
SIERRA LEONE	4	3	0	1	7	6	6
CONGO	4	0	0	3	3	10	0

- *Central African Republic withdrew*
- *Gambia withdrew*
- *Niger withdrew*

GROUP 4

03.09.94 Tanzania v Uganda 4-0
04.09.94 Ethiopia v Algeria 0-0
04.09.94 Sudan v Egypt.....0-0
14.10.94 Algeria v Sudan 1-1
14.10.94 Egypt v Tanzania.....5-1
15.10.94 Uganda v Ethiopia.....4-1
11.11.94 Egypt v Ethiopia 5-0
12.11.94 Tanzania v Sudan.....2-0
12.11.95 Uganda v Algeria.....1-1
07.01.95 Sudan v Uganda 3-1
08.01.95 Algeria v Egypt.....1-0
08.01.95 Ethiopia v Tanzania.....1-0
21.01.95 Tanzania v Algeria 2-1
21.01.95 Uganda v Egypt 0-0
22.01.95 Ethiopia v Sudan 2-0
07.04.95 Algeria v Ethiopia 2-0
07.04.95 Egypt v Sudan.....3-1
08.04.95 Uganda v Tanzania 2-0
22.04.95 Tanzania v Egypt.....1-2
23.04.95 Ethiopia v Uganda.....0-0
24.04.95 Sudan v Algeria 2-0
Result annulled after protest, points awarded to Algeria
02.06.95 Algeria v Uganda.....1-1
04.06.95 Ethiopia v Egypt 0-2
04.06.95 Sudan v Tanzania 2-1
14.07.95 Egypt v Algeria 1-1
15.07.95 Tanzania v Ethiopia 2-0
15.07.95 Uganda v Sudan 2-0
30.07.95 Algeria v Tanzania 2-1
30.07.95 Egypt v Uganda 6-0
30.07.95 Sudan v Ethiopia....*not played*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
EGYPT	10	6	3	1	24	5	15
ALGERIA	10	4	5	1	12	7	13
UGANDA	10	3	4	3	11	16	10
TANZANIA	10	4	0	6	13	14	8
SUDAN	9	2	2	6	7	14	6
ETHIOPIA	9	2	2	5	4	15	6

GROUP 5

04.09.94 Madagascar v Sth Africa ...0-1
Result nullied, Madagascar withdrew
15.10.94 South Africa v Mauritius 1-0
*Result nullied, South Africa withdrew**
13.11.94 Gabon v Mauritius 3-0
13.11.94 Zambia v South Africa 1-1
*Result nullied, South Africa withdrew**
20.11.94 Gabon v Zambia.....2-1
10.01.95 Mauritius v Zambia.....0-3
08.04.95 Zambia v Gabon.....1-0
04.06.95 Mauritius v Gabon 0-3
16.07.95 Zambia v Mauritius.....2-0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
GABON	4	3	0	1	8	2	6
ZAMBIA	4	3	0	1	7	2	6
MAURITIUS	4	0	0	4	0	11	0

- *Madagascar withdrew*
- *Seychelles withdrew*
- *South Africa withdrew after being named as hosts for the finals*

GROUP 6

04.09.94 Angola v Namibia 2-0
04.09.94 Botswana v Guinea 0-1
04.09.94 Mali v Mozambique.....2-1
15.10.94 Namibia v Mali.....2-1
16.10.94 Guinea v Angola.....3-1
16.10.94 Mozambique v Botswana .3-1
30.10.94 Mali v Guinea 2-0
13.11.94 Mali v Angola.....0-0
13.11.94 Mozambique v Guinea 2-1
13.11.94 Namibia v Botswana 1-1
08.01.95 Angola v Mozambique 1-0
08.01.95 Botswana v Mali.....1-3
08.01.95 Guinea v Namibia.....3-0
22.01.95 Botswana v Angola 1-2
22.01.95 Mozambique v Namibia ...4-2
09.04.95 Namibia v Angola 2-2
09.04.95 Guinea v Botswana 5-0
09.04.95 Mozambique v Mali.....1-0
23.04.95 Angola v Guinea.....3-0
23.04.95 Mali v Namibia.....2-0
23.04.95 Botswana v Mozambique .0-3
04.06.95 Botswana v Namibia 1-1
04.06.95 Angola v Mali.....1-0
04.06.95 Guinea v Mozambique 0-0
16.07.95 Mali v Botswana.....4-0
16.07.95 Mozambique v Angola 2-1
16.07.95 Namibia v Guinea.....0-0
30.07.95 Angola v Botswana 4-0
30.07.95 Guinea v Mali 4-1
30.07.95 Namibia v Mozambique 0-0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ANGOLA	10	6	2	2	17	8	14
MOZAMBIQUE	10	6	2	2	16	8	14
GUINEA	10	5	1	4	17	9	12
MALI	10	5	1	4	15	20	11
NAMIBIA	10	1	5	4	8	16	7
BOTSWANA	10	0	2	8	5	27	2

GROUP 7

04.09.94 Burkina Faso v Morocco ...2-1
13.11.94 Morocco v Ivory Coast.....1-0
22.01.95 Ivory Coast v Burkina Faso .2-2
09.04.95 Morocco v Burkina Faso ...0-0
04.06.95 Ivory Coast v Morocco.....2-0
30.07.95 Burkina Faso v Ivory Coast.....1-1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BURKINA FASO	4	1	3	0	5	4	5
IVORY COAST	4	1	2	1	5	4	4
MOROCCO	4	1	1	2	2	4	3

- *Benin withdrew*
- *Cape Verde Islands withdrew*
- *Equatorial Guinea withdrew*

FINALS SCHEDULE

FOR the first round, the 16 finalists – South Africa (hosts), Nigeria (holders), Algeria, Angola, Burkino Faso, Cameroon, Egypt, Gabon, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Mozambique, Sierra Leone, Tunisia, Zaire and Zambia – will be split into four groups of four.
The opening match will be on January 13, 1996 at the First National Bank Stadium in Johannesburg, involving hosts South Africa.
First round: January 13 to 25.
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Semi-finals: January 31.
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FRIDAY JUNE 30

WITS UNIVERSITY 0
HELLENIC 0.

SATURDAY JULY 1

AFRICAN WANDERERS 2 (Nxumalo, Mtshali)
UMTATA BUCKS 2 (Mthula 2 og's).
KAIZER CHIEFS 2 (Koloba 16, Makua 63)
QWAQWA STARS 1 (Tsiu 84).

SUNDAY JULY 2

CAPE TOWN SPURS 1 (Lupiya 28)
VAAL PROFESSIONALS 0.
JOMO COSMOS 1 (Banda)
AMAZULU 0.
MAMELODI SUNDOWNS 1 (Shai 89)
ORLANDO PIRATES 0.
REAL ROVERS 5 (Sebola 10, 19, 34, Mmola 44, 56)
RABALI BLACKPOOL 1 (Amukola 40).
WITBANK ACES 1 (Biyela)
MOROKA SWALLOWS 1 (Sikhonde).

WEDNESDAY JULY 5

ORLANDO PIRATES 1 (Mncwango 32)
UMTATA BUCKS 1 (Wilfred Mugeyi 28).

FRIDAY JULY 7

MANNING RANGERS 2 (Koumantarakis, Ndlanya)
AMAZULU 2 (Dyers, Lubombo).

SATURDAY JULY 8

CAPE TOWN SPURS 1 (Lupiya 28)
MAMELODI SUNDOWNS 0.

SUNDAY JULY 9

AFRICAN WANDERERS 0
ORLANDO PIRATES 1 (Moloi 9 pen).
BLOEMFONTEIN CELTIC 0
QWAQWA STARS 0.
JOMO COSMOS 1 (Mncwango)
HELLENIC 2 (Stober, Young).
MOROKA SWALLOWS 3 (Sikhonde, Mkhondwane, Lekoelea)
UMTATA BUCKS 2 (Wilfred Mugeyi, Lethebe).
WITBANK ACES 1 (Biyela)
VAAL PROFESSIONALS 2 (Seakamela, Marumo).

SATURDAY JULY 15

HELLENIC 2 (Stober 42, 89)
REAL ROVERS 0.
WITS UNIVERSITY 2 (Ewen, Otiti)
WITBANK ACES 1 (Shili 70).

SUNDAY JULY 16

ORLANDO PIRATES 0
BLOEMFONTEIN CELTIC 2 (Maboe 2, Skosana 80).
RABALI BLACKPOOL 0
JOMO COSMOS 1 (Sekano 78).

MONDAY JULY 17

AMAZULU 0
KAIZER CHIEFS 0.
MAMELODI SUNOWNS 1 (Masinga 38)
AFRICAN WANDERERS 0.
QWAQWA STARS 2 (William, Tsiu)
MANNING RANGERS 1 (Ndlanya).
UMTATA BUCKS (Wilfred Mugeyi 35, Augustine 62)
CAPE TOWN SPURS 0.
VAAL PROFESSIONALS 3 (Seakamela 32, Maurumo 48, Mine 85 og)
MOROKA SWALLOWS 2 (Loiwane 16, Makgaledisa 89).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cape T Spurs	20	14	5	1	36	12	47
Kaizer Chiefs	19	12	4	3	29	12	40
Orlando Pirates	19	12	4	3	29	12	40
Mamelodi Suns	19	12	4	3	24	11	40
Hellenic	20	10	3	7	31	24	33
QwaQwa Stars	20	9	6	5	28	23	33
Vaal Pros	20	8	6	6	23	21	30
Jomo Cosmos	20	6	7	7	21	22	25
Umtata Bucks	20	7	3	10	29	34	24
Wits University	18	6	5	7	20	22	23
AmaZulu	20	4	9	7	25	34	23
Manning Ran	19	6	4	9	25	25	22
Witbank Aces	20	6	3	11	21	30	21
Bloem. Celtic	19	5	5	9	23	25	20
Real Rovers	19	5	5	9	28	36	20
Moroka Swallows	20	3	7	10	23	34	16
Af. Wanderers	19	2	6	11	18	36	12
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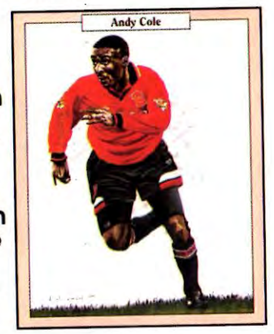

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TOTO TOSS-UP

WHY is it that Tottenham, Wimbledon and Sheffield Wednesday fielded reserve and youth teams in the Intertoto Cup? This can only mean they haven't taken the competition seriously enough even though it guarantees four teams a UEFA Cup place. The first-team squads were out for the usual pre-season tours to the continent, though. So why not scrap the friendlies and play at full strength in the Intertoto games instead? Surely the aim for any club is to qualify for Europe?
SOY MUSTAFA, Enfield, London N21

I have long thought it would be fascinating to see the Intertoto spread north across the Channel. But the way in which English clubs have met the challenge has been hampered by a number of factors. First and foremost was the fact that nobody really wanted to take part anyway. Secondly, players' holidays and necessary pitch work meant problems in finding home venues. In principle, the idea of playing Intertoto rather than pre-season friendlies has a great deal of merit. In practice, it's more complex. The basic purpose of the Intertoto has always been to provide a summer soccer schedule for the continental European pools organisations. Therefore, the competition MUST start as soon as regular league activity ceases. If you delay the start of the Intertoto until after football's summer holiday then you remove its raison d'etre. Perhaps next year English football will prepare rather better for the challenge of the Intertoto. On the other hand, the English staging of the European Championship finals could complicate matters almost beyond belief.

NO COMPROMISE

I AM really looking forward to Euro '96 but, although I'm a fan of English football, I don't think England really look good enough to win it. They should really follow the example of the United States before the 1994 World Cup. The US squad spent 15 months together in a special training camp and, after that, provided their best performance in the modern era. England's problem, of course, is the Premiership . . . Do you know of a compromise solution?
MATT KOCH, Brieselang, Germany

There is no compromise. Terry Venables knew very well, when he took on the job of England coach, that he would have to make the best of a bad job in terms of squad availability. Clubs pay the players' wages in one of the most competitive of football nations and will always call the tune. The England national team have always been in the same boat: they achieve whatever they do despite the domestic game rather than because of it. What you might call Realpolitik.

NO THANKS, FRANK

IT LOOKS as if it will be difficult to choose a European Footballer of the Year come December because no one player has yet appeared head and shoulders above the rest. In fact, it seems that Europe's top players so far have been non-Europeans such as George Weah (Liberia) and Juan Esnaider (Argentina). If it were up to me, I would vote for Frank Rijkaard for inspiring Ajax to the league and Champions Cup double.
UGOCHUKWU OKAFOR, Enugu State, Nigeria

Three points struck me immediately by way of reply. First, the football year is only halfway through and there remains plenty of time – particularly in the Euro '96 qualifiers – for someone to seize the international spotlight. Secondly, don't worry about the non-Europeans: this year the organiser of the European Footballer of the Year poll, *France Football* magazine, is opening up the prize to everyone playing in Europe, whether born there or not. Thirdly, Rijkaard retired at the end of this past season. He would be an excellent contender for a European Footballer of the Half-Year but I think his star may well faded by the time December comes around.

JUVE'S FINEST

AS A Juventus fan I was very happy with the league and cup double this past season. The team played with flair and style – and, for most of the time, without Roberto Baggio, on whom they have relied too much in the past. Coach Marcello Lippi did a wonderful job and I don't think Baggio's departure for Milan will prove a great loss. I think Del Piero is better than Baggio was at 21. With Vialli, Ravanelli and newcomers such as Jugovic and Lombardo I expect Juve to win everything – as they did in the years of Platini and Boniek. How would you compare this new Juve team with the 1984-85 side which featured the likes of Scirea, Gentile, Tardelli, Platini and Boniek?
SEBASTIANO MISKIEWICZ, Stockholm, Sweden

Juve been framed . . . coach Marcello Lippi celebrates with his players

Simple answer: Not as good. For one thing, Juve's team of the mid-1980s was a team of achievers. Most of the players had been with La Vecchia Signora for several seasons and developed both a personal and corporate self-assurance born of repeated success both at home and abroad. This is not to question the level of natural talent available to Lippi or underestimate their achievement this past season. But they remain, if one is to be honest, a team of potential – and rather uncertain potential at that. Even if one puts aside Baggio, Juve must still regroup in defence without Jurgen Kohler and find a new method and rhythm in midfield which will suit both the existing players and new arrivals Jugovic and Lombardo. On the face of it, Juve are being forced to change rather more than Lippi might have wanted – or hoped.

LEAVE IT ALONE!

THESE last few years have seen a lot of changes applied to the Laws of the Game but nothing as dreadful as the proposal for time-outs. Please fight to preserve the game we love so much!
FRANCO MALAZZI, Bologna, Italy

I have to admit to being a conservative when it comes to changing or bending the Laws of the Game. Football has become the world's No 1 team sport – and maintained, even strengthened that role through its regulatory simplicity and consistency. It gambles with that solid foundation at its peril. As far as time-outs are concerned, the naked financial 'advantages' are all too obvious. But football's other great strength is the drama of non-stop action. Remove that dynamic and you dilute the game. And that would not, in the long run, be in its commercial interest, either.

NOT WELL SERVED

Can anyone help me with the FIFA bulletin board system which was advertised before the World Cup last year? I signed up for it but I could never get through and the people I spoke to at CompuServe – when I could get through on the phone, that is! – appeared to know no more about it than I did. Probably even less. I then found that going into the basic CompuServe service was costing me an arm and a leg so I gave it all up as a bad job. Basically it seemed a good idea – the idea that anyone, anywhere in the world, could access FIFA's official World Cup statistics. Will FIFA try again or is it all dead and buried?
JOHN SINGER, Tipton, West Midlands

The World Cup information service was a good idea of someone's at FIFA but, unfortunately, the idea was better than the execution. This is just one of a number of complaints we have received from frustrated home statisticians. First, it is clearly unnecessary for FIFA to have gone through CompuServe when FIFA could have gone straight on to the Internet and set up its own page (or pages) on World Wide Web (I believe UEFA is thinking of following this course). The catch for all those fans who signed up with the original FIFA system was that they went in at a special, higher rate for CompuServe. Thus any access to the general CompuServe system is wildly expensive. Hopefully, FIFA will review the entire experiment and start again from cyberscratch!

INNOCENT OR . . . ?

I don't know whether Bruce Grobbelaar, Hans Segers and John Fashanu are innocent or guilty of the charges laid against them. I do believe, though, that it's against the nature of justice that any attempt should be made to ban them from playing before their court case. Don't people understand what 'innocent until proved guilty' means?
A J PETERS, Symington, Berks

Precisely, innocent until proved guilty. Grobbelaar, Segers and Fashanu have denied the allegations of match-fixing and that's fine as far as it goes. But, maybe the question of whether they continue playing first-team football is something else. For one thing, goalkeepers (such as Grobbelaar and Segers) are in a delicate position because any mistake they make is likely to cost a goal. Can Grobbelaar and Segers play to the best of their ability with the prospect of a major court case hanging over them? Secondly, it can be argued that the credibility of the game is endangered while three men against whom such serious charges have been laid continue in high-profile activity. They can play on but perhaps not necessarily in the first team. After all, no footballer is guaranteed a first-team place and clubs run and staff more than just the one team. It should also be noted that magistrates' courts, remanding an accused person for trial, may impose certain conditions – such as ordering an accused person not to go within, say, a mile of a certain location. Seen from these perspectives, the suggestion that Grobbelaar, Segers and Fashanu (assuming his injury suddenly clears up) should not play first-team football is not as outlandish as it may seem. It could be argued that such a decision would be for their own good. They would then have a little more time available to prepare their defence and would also be spared the cruel jibes of some of the more fickle fans.

HURRY UP, GAZZA

An article about Paul Gascoigne in your August edition stated that Scotland have self-confidence that borders on arrogance. I think that someone has got Scotland confused with England because it is they who are arrogant and think that they are superior to everyone and anyone. The Scottish have confidence in their own ability but we are certainly not arrogant about it. We are more interested that the people representing Scotland in any sport do our country proud. We do not expect to win things, unlike the English, but when we do manage a victory we cherish it! We try hard and earn everything that we win. On the other hand the English are arrogant in victory and shocking in defeat. They think they have a God-given right to win things and, for me, that is self-confidence which borders on arrogance. Therefore, someone has got Scotland confused with England. Furthermore, the English are only making a drama out of Paul Gascoigne's move to Rangers because he chose a major Scottich club over a number of English ones.
GILLIAN STEWART, Irvine, Ayrshire

Sounds like the English and Scottish deserve each other! More seriously, look at Gascoigne's move in another light: most soccer-watchers still treat him as if he has been stuck in a time warp, that he is still the tearful kid we remember from the 1990 World Cup finals. But he's not. Gascoigne is now 28, at what should be the peak of his career. Given his injury record, he may have as little as two years left as a potential top-line performer. If Gascoigne is in a hurry to win things, Rangers provide a far better guarantee than any English club.

BOSMAN BLUES

If the European Court rules in favour of Jean-Marc Bosman then most professional clubs in England will go to the wall. They rely on transfer payments from the larger clubs to keep them going so a large part of their income would disappear. Also, players will be drawn to clubs who pay the most money so the smaller clubs will be even less able to compete than they are now. Football will become like the American sports – with a small number of professional clubs paying high wages, which is against the tradition of English sport.
JOHN HART, Solihull, W Midlands

Legal challenge . . . Jean-Marc Bosman

The ramifications of the Bosman case are immense. Bosman's case is, quite simply, that footballers should have the same right of unrestricted employment as any other worker. So far, so good. I agree that, logically, if the Court rules the international transfer system illegally restrictive then the big money will no longer trickle down inside the game but go out, into players' bank accounts. But there's far more than that. If the restrictive practices of the transfer market are illegal then so are any other attempts to control the movement and employment of players – such as UEFA's controversial regulation governing the number of foreign players which may be used in European competitions. UEFA introduced the so-called 'three and two rule' (three foreign players and two assimilated) not, as xenophobes here claim, to prevent English clubs regaining a dominant role in Europe, but as part of complex negotiations with the European Commission aimed at protecting the nationalistic essense of professional football. UEFA argues that, without such artificial barriers, top clubs would fill their teams with foreigners to the detriment of Europe's national teams and this would, ultimately, lead to the downgrading of competitions such as the World Cup and European Championship. But there is another, hidden agenda. UEFA has no power of its own. Its power is provided by the weight of self-interest represented by the national associations which comprise its membership. UEFA may be concerned that, once the power of the national associations has been undermined, the big clubs will hijack the European game. Then, all of a sudden, that hot-air chatter about European superleagues would not appear so fanciful.

TV TECHNOLOGY

Why all the fuss about these university experts and their whizz-kid technology who say England's third goal in the 1966 World Cup Final didn't cross the line? What can anyone do about it now? I don't understand.
JOHN CHAPPELL, Luton, Beds

My suspicion is that they wanted a high-profile subject on which to test some new piece of computer equipment. Nothing more serious than that. As for England's third goal . . . well, the laws of the game say a goal counts when the ball crosses the line without an infringement having been committed. In point of fact, that's incorrect. A goal is a goal when the referee says so. That's what Gottfried Dienst decided in 1966. If you don't believe me, just look in the record books!

Brian Glanville's
LAST WORD

Nods and winks and wheels and deals

BUT BRUTUS IS AN HONOURABLE MAN.
SO ARE THEY ALL, ALL HONOURABLE MEN.

WE HAVE known for some time that George Graham has either a skin as thick as a rhinoceros or else a sublime capacity for self-deception. Long, long before he complained, after the FA tribunal's decision, that he'd done nothing wrong, could hold his head high and was a victim rather than a miscreant.

Graham . . . 'A king of dialogue with the (morally) deaf'

Trying to tell Graham that taking £425,000 from the ineffable Rune Hauge over two Scandinavian transfers, holding it in a bank account until the Inland Revenue began to sniff around, then belatedly paying it not to Hauge but to Arsenal wasn't quite the done thing, would clearly still be futile. A king of dialogue with the (morally) deaf.

But Graham had a position to defend and perhaps even he secretly knew that he was talking nonsense. What excuse can there possibly be for Howard Wilkinson, Leeds United manager, elder statesman of the game, top man in the League Managers Association, to come blundering in on Graham's behalf, both at the tribunal itself and immediately afterwards on BBC radio?

At the tribunal, Wilkinson was voluntarily giving Graham a character reference. Why? What Graham had done, he had done; and it had been condemned by the FA, the Premier League and (however tardily) Arsenal, the club who sacked him.

Quite what relevance a character testimonial might have when the facts of the case were so clearly established perplexes me. However impeccably Graham might have behaved before his transgression, a transgression it was.

But Wilkinson didn't stop there. He then went on radio to rail at the verdict and the sentence, to declare that Graham had been ill used, to make some drivelling analogy between what happened when someone was sacked in television and could then work for the opposition, and make an impenetrable remark about what mattered in soccer being what happened on the field. The logical, or illogical, implication of which presumably being that nothing a player, manager or football director did off the field, however closely it concerned his club, could be morally relevant.

Rightly or wrongly, the implication of Wilkinson's witness was that he and the Managers Association thought that Graham had done nothing wrong. That such behaviour was presumably common practice among managers. And that the association, far from feeling a duty to condemn it, virtually condoned it.

Graham's one-year sentence seemed to me a very light one, though it will be interesting to see whether in time he will make good his promise to sue Arsenal for wrongful dismissal. The club unquestionably and deplorably weakened their case by failing to act against Graham as soon as he paid them (not repaid them, please note) the £425,000 gained through the Jensen and Lydersen transfers, with interest. Then they blithely gave him another £5m to buy more players.

'Trying to tell Graham that taking £425,000 from the ineffable Rune Hauge . . . wasn't quite the done thing would clearly be futile'

None of the limp excuses Arsenal have put forward have made any sense to me.

And while we are about it, I was puzzled and far from convinced by the tribunal's mitigating finding that Graham had not 'solicited' the payments, however true. Far be it from me to say that a nod's as good as a wink to a blind horse.

Wilkinson . . . gave an illogical case for defence

None too observant

SLOPPY is as sloppy does. Alexander Malikov, a Russian TV journalist, was recently expelled from Britain in contentious circumstances, accused of being a spy.

Personally – and I am not alone in this – I don't think he was. I knew Alexander quite well over the several years he came to play in our Holland Park pick-up Thursday afternoon game, a blond, bulky figure in a tracksuit, who showed great enthusiasm, and a charming use of the English language. "Intimidate him, intimidate him!" he'd cry, when an opponent had the ball!

One recent Saturday morning, a young reporter from *The Observer*, Peter Beaumont, phoned me to ask about Alexander. I told him how he'd played in our multi-national game, how it had begun 20 odd years ago, how we simply put down a bag each end for a goal, and how it had nothing to do with my Sunday team, Chelsea Casuals.

Next day, I was surprised to read in *The Observer* that Alexander was a loyal member of my SATURDAY football team! Quite how I've managed to cover Saturday football matches simultaneously for the past 40 years, I'm not quite sure.

Where do they *get* them?

An unhealthy alliance

SINISTER trends in Europe. The more so as we have so little influence in the higher counsels of UEFA, where money increasingly rules, and Lennart Johansson looks a flabbier and flabbier president.

Come back, Artemio Franchi, a man who, as I always said, *preferred* to be honest. Even if the big Italian clubs were always breathing down his neck.

Johansson is said to be enraptured by the deeply dubious scheme put forward by Juventus, Milan, Barcelona and – surprisingly – Anderlecht for reorganising the European Cup in favour of the big battalions.

Johansson and his depressing crew already have undermined the competition with their wretched League systems. Now those clubs want to unbalance it still more. Their suggestion is that any previous winner of the competition will automatically gain entry if finishing in first OR SECOND position in their national championship.

There's no logic to this, except in naked economic and financial terms. Why should a club who finished in second place – unless they have just won the European Cup – be given the advantage over a club who finished second but have never won the trophy?

Shades, here, of the insidious proposals a few years ago by Milan's TV tycoon, Silvio Berlusconi, for a televised midweek tournament made up wholly of the big battalions, irrespective of current form. A proposal which panicked Lennartsson and UEFA into bastardising the European Cup.

In addition, Milan and Juve have got together in a deeply disturbing pact to pool their resources on the commercial side, to be quickly joined by Borussia Dortmund and Real Madrid. I won't go as far as the inflammable Fiorentina President, Vittorio Cecchi Gori, in expressing fears that referees might be influenced (though Juve and Milan have had their problems in the past). But a cartel is a cartel and the trend is a thoroughly disturbing one.

One for the chop

"LET THEM eat cake!" said Marie Antoinette, and was guillotined for her pains.

"Let them watch reserve and youth team matches!" said the smug commercial manager of Manchester United, of fans who can no longer afford to watch the first team.

Would guillotining be too good for him?

Eye eye, Bert

DEAR OLD Bert 'The Inert' Millichip, our FA Chairman, distinguished himself once again on the lawns of 10 Downing Street, when John Major called the great and the good together to announce his new initiative on forcing schoolchildren to play team games.

Gazing across the lawn, Bert asked who that big fellow over there was. He happened to be the England centre-half, Tony Adams.

Nothing really new about this sort of thing. Back in 1942 the big Arsenal winger, Alf Kirchen, was chosen for England against Scotland, in Glasgow. Arriving at the hotel, in his RAF uniform, Kirchen greeted a selector who responded: "Who are you?"

"You ought to know, sir," said Kirchen. "You picked me to play on the wing."

"Oh, yes," said the selector. "How are you, Matthews?"

The scene: Glasgow and Scotland v England again, many years later. Ron Springett, England's goalkeeper, had hurled himself around the rock-hard goalmouth to preserve a draw. On the coach to the airport, he told me, he found himself sitting next to a member of the Senior International Committee.

"Not much of a game, was it?" asked the man.

Springett replied that it wasn't easy out there, with the hard ground and the wind. "Oh," said the official. "Were you playing?"

One to remember . . . Arsenal's Tony Adams in more familiar guise

A to Z OF THE WORLD'S GREAT GROUNDS

By SIMON INGLIS, author of *The Football Grounds of Great Britain* and *The Football Grounds of Europe*

Since *WORLD SOCCER*'s finest brains could get no further than Xamax Neuchatel for this month's letter X we sneakily decided to concentrate on EX grounds – those once great venues for Cup Finals, Internationals, Olympics and World Cups where no fan dared show up without a hat, a rosette, a packet of fags and a ready wave for the newsreel cameras.

CRYSTAL PALACE

● BEFORE Wembley, the largest ground in England (and in the world until Hampden Park) was Crystal Palace, a vast turf bowl in Sydenham, south London, where there was an amusement park built around Joseph Paxton's iron and glass exhibition halls (which had been moved there following the Great Exhibition of 1851). The equivalent today would be building a stadium in the grounds of Disneyland. Twenty Cup Finals and four internationals were staged between 1895 and 1914. When 120,081 fans crammed its muddy, unterraced slopes for the 1913 Final (Villa v Sunderland) it was the largest crowd in the world ever to have seen a football game, although the reality was that maybe only half actually had a view of the whole pitch and conditions were appalling. After years of occasional use for amateur games and motor racing, the bowl was eventually converted into a modern athletics stadium in 1964, with a current capacity of 17,000. (The First Division club known as Crystal Palace was actually formed from staff of the exhibition grounds, but soon adopted their own ground, down the road in Selhurst Park.)

OLYMPIC STADIUM, AMSTERDAM

● IN AUGUST 1996 European Champions Ajax will move into the most advanced football stadium in the world, complete with retractable roof and underground roadways and car-parks (and already a 50,000 sell-out for the first season). But its construction has placed a huge question mark over the future of one of the great stadiums of the pre-war period, the 1928 Olympic Stadium, the work of a Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired Dutch architect, Jan Wils. The stadium never had a successful resident team but Ajax often use it for their big games (as they will next season). It also has staged two European finals and many a Holland international. The Olympic Stadium's best feature is its heroic Marathon Tower. Its distinctive floodlight pylons were, in 1934, the first permanent installations in Europe. But now, despite its status as a national monument, its days may be numbered. Saving old stadia just for the sake of nostalgia is a fool's game but this one is genuinely special. So send in your protest letters now and World Soccer will pass them on!

STADE DE COLOMBES

● THREE years from now all eyes will be on the new 80,000 capacity Grand Stade, currently being built at St Denis for the 1998 World Cup. But in June 1938 the focus was five miles away, at Colombes, a municipality north of Paris, venue for the World Cup Final, Italy v Hungary. After years of promising to build the finest stadium in the world, Colombes was a low budget affair, built for the 1924 Olympic Games but nothing like the much grander designs originally proposed (many people fear the Grand Stade may be a similar disappointment). But with its two identical stands and 60,000 capacity Colombes served French football well, and apart from the 1930s when the revamped Parc des Princes shared its duties for a while, it was the main Cup Final and international venue from 1924 to 1963. The record was 61,722 for the 1950 Final, in which Reims played the stadium's resident club, Racing Club de Paris (who carried on playing rugby there until recently). Nowadays Colombes is no more than a rather ordinary community stadium with a running track and only one stand left. But it is still worth a visit and the local museum has loyally kept its memories alive.

TURIN – Stadio Comunale and Filadelfia

● THERE are still many people in Turin who deeply regret the 1986 decision to abandon the Stadio Comunale and start afresh with a new stadium for the 1990 World Cup, a decision heavily influenced by the death of 39 Juventus fans at Heysel. The Comunale was not quite so crumbling as Heysel, but it was almost as old, having been built for the 1934 World Cup. First called the Stadio Mussolini, it had a brutal concrete tower overlooking its daringly modern, reinforced concrete open terraces and in its peak held 70,000, reduced later to 40,000. Now it lies idle, used only rarely by Juventus for training but protected from demolition by its status as a historic monument. Meanwhile, Torino have recently announced plans to refurbish their beloved old, English-style Stadio Filadelfia – opened in 1926 but last used by the first team in 1960 – into a 30,000 all-seat venue. If successful this will leave Juventus as sole occupants at the controversial Stadio delle Alpi and prove what many fans have said all along; that for all their faults, traditional inner-city grounds beat out-of-town superbowls any day of the week, but especially match days.

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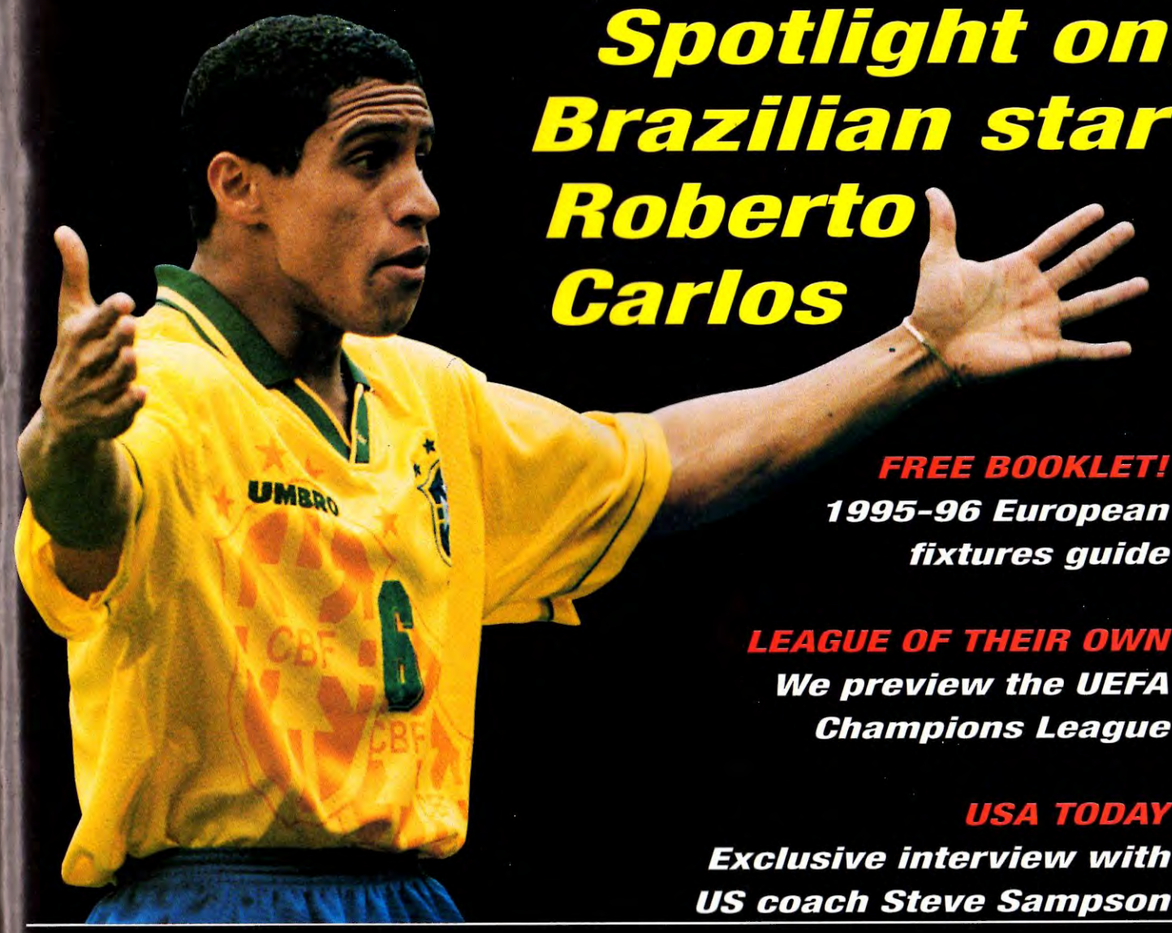

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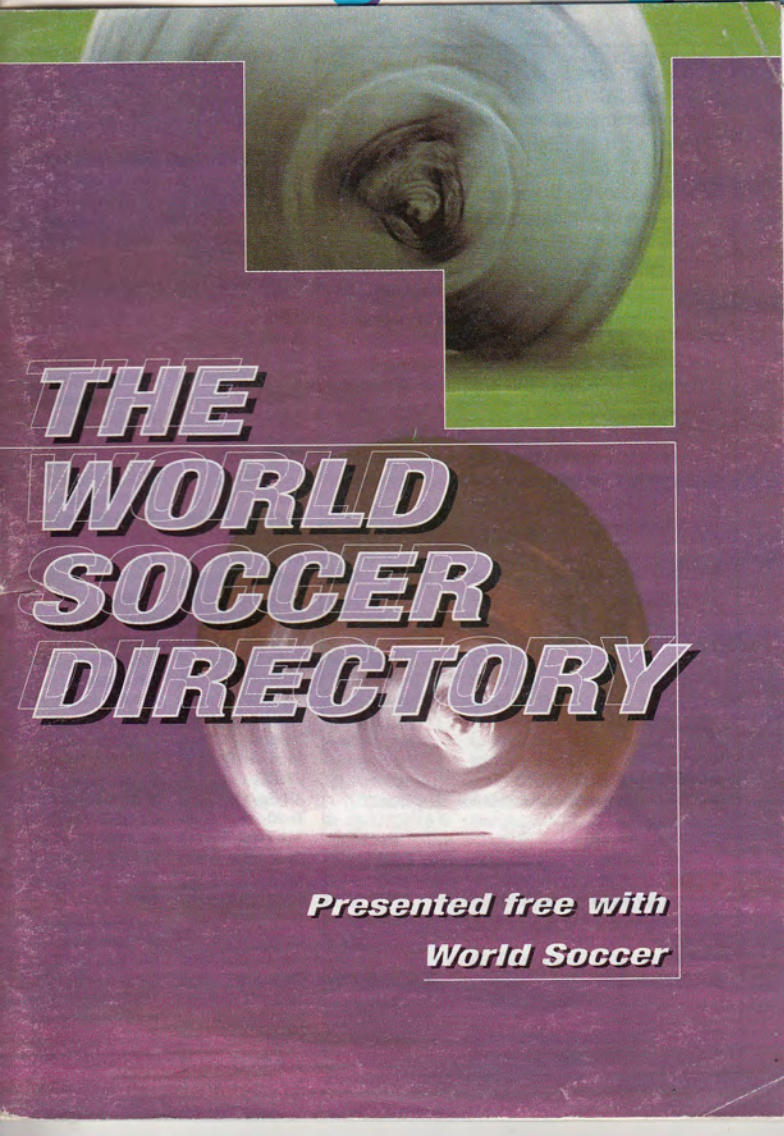
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The bulk of queries and questions fired into ***WORLD SOCCER***'s office through phone, fax, e-mail and snailmail concern basic matters such as: How do I contact . . . ? Whether it's historical information from a federation, match ticket data from a club or the pursuit of a superstar's fan club, it all comes down to the same question. Five years ago ***WORLD SOCCER*** produced an address book detailing contact numbers and addresses for the various federations and the top clubs. So much has changed in those five years that we decided it was time to go back to basics and start all over again. This is the result – presented free with our September issue. Not every federation or club or fans organisation can be guaranteed to respond to the demands placed upon it. But, at the very least, an updated address book should guarantee a proper start!

KEIR RADNEDGE
The Editor

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L = Languages for correspondence
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PRAIA
T: 238/61 13 62
C: Futebol Praia CV
X: 6005 areas cv
F: 238/61 29 64
L: F, S
N: Green; green; green

CAYMAN ISLANDS
Cayman Islands Football Assoc
P.O. Box 178
GEORGE TOWN
GRAND CAYMAN
T: 1-809/949 4733
F: 1-809/949 8738
L: E
N: Red; blue; white

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
Federation Centrafricaine de Football
P.O. Box 344
BANGUI
T: 236/2141
C: Footbangui Bangui
L: F
N: Grey-blue; white; red/yellow

CHAD
Federation Tchadienne de Football
B.P. 886
N'DJAMENA
T: 235/51 40 38
X: 5323 kd (unicef)
F: 235/51 43 97
L: F
N: All white

CHILE
Federacion de Futbol de Chile
Casilla 3733
Avenida Quilin No. 5635
SANTIAGO DE CHILE
T: 56-2/284 9000
C: Fedfutbol Santiago de Chile
F: 56-2/284 3510
L: S, E
N: Red/white; blue; white

CHINA
Football Assoc of The People's Republic of China
9 Tiyuguan Road
BEIJING
T:86-1/701 7018
C: Sportschine Beijing
X: 22034 acsf cn
F: 86-1/511 2533
L: E, F
N: White; white; white

CHINESE TAIPEI
Chinese Taipei Football Assoc
100, Kuang-Fu South Road
TAIPEI, TAIWAN
T: 886-2/711 7710
C: CTFA Taipei
X: 24195 educa taipei
F: 886-2/711 7713
L: E
N: Blue; white; red

COLOMBIA
Federacion Colombiana de Futbol
Calle 20 Norte No. 4 N-56
CALI, VALLE
T: 57-23/67 37 03
C: Colfutbol Cali
F: 57-23/68 95 99
L: S, E, F
N: Yellow; blue; red

CONGO
Federation Congolaise de Football
B.P. 4041
BRAZZAVILLE
T: 242/81 51 01
C: Fecofoot Brazzaville
X: 5210 kg
L: F
N: Red; red; red

COOK ISLANDS
Cook Islands Football Association
P.O. Box 29
RAROTONGA
T: 682/20 335
F: 682/20 335
L: E

COSTA RICA
Federacion Costarricense de Futbol
Apartado 670-1000
Calle 40-Ave, CTL & 1
SAN JOSE
T: 506-2/22 15 44
C: Fedefutbol San Jose
X: 3394 dider cr
F: 506-2/55 26 74
L: S
N: Red; blue; white

CROATIA
Croatian Football Federation
Ilica 31
CRO-41000 Zagreb
T: 385-41/45 41 00
F: 385-41/42 46 39
L: E, D
N: Red; white; blue

CUBA
Asociacion de Futbol de Cuba
c/o Comite Olimpico Cubano
Calle 13 No 601, Esq C Vedado
LA HABANA, ZP 4
T: 537/40 35 81
C: Football Habana
X: 0511332 inder cu
F: 537/40 90 37
L: S
N: White/red; dark blue; white/red

CYPRUS
Cyprus Football Association
Stasinos Str. 1, Engomi 152
P.O. Box 5071
CY-NICOSIA
T: 357/2/44 53 41
C: Football Cyprus
X: 3880 football cy
F: 357-2/47 25 44
L: E
N: Blue; white; blue

CZECH REPUBLIC
Football Association of Czech Republic
Ceskomoravsky fotbalovy svaz
Diskarska 100
169 00 PRAHA 6 - STRAHOV
T: 42-2/35 69 13
C: Sportsvaz Praha
X: 122650 cstv c
F: 42-2/35 27 84
L: E
N: Red; white; blue

DENMARK
Dansk Boldspil Union, Ved Amagerbanen 15
DK-2300 KOBENHAVN S
T: 45-31/95 05 11
C: Danskboldspil Copenhagen
X: 15545 dbu dk
F: 45-31/95 05 88
L: E, D
N: Red; white; red

DJIBOUTI
Federation Djiboutienne de Football
B.P. 1916
DJIBOUTI
F: 253/34 09 50
L: F

DOMINICA
Dominica Football Assoc
13-19th Street, Canefield
P.O. Box 372
ROSEAU
T: 1-809/449 2173
F: 1-809/448 1111
L: E
N: Emerald green; green; yellow

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
Federacion Dominicana de Futbol
Apartado de Correos No. 1953
SANTO DOMINGO
T: 1-809/542 6923
C: Fedofutbol Santo Domingo
X: 817 240
F: 1-809/542 6923
L: S
N: Navy blue; white; red

ECUADOR
Federacion Ecuatoriana de Futbol
Calle Jose Mascote 1.103
(Piso 2) y Luque, Casilla 7447
GUAYAQUIL
T: 593-4/37 16 74
C: Ecuafutbol Guayaquil
X: 42970 feecfu ed
F: 593-4/37 33 20
L: S
N: Yellow/blue /red; blue; red

EGYPT
Egyptian Football Association
5, Shareh Gabalaya, Guezira
Al Borg Post Office
CAIRO
T: 20-2/340 1793
C: Kora Cairo
X: 23504 kora
F: 20-2/341 7817
L: E
N: Red; white; black

EL SALVADOR
Federacion Salvadorena de Futbol
Av. J.M. Delgado, Col. Escalon
Centro Espanol, Apartado 1029
SAN SALVADOR
T: 503/223 7362
C: FESFUT San Salvador
F: 503/298 6426
L: S

ENGLAND
The Football Association
16 Lancaster Gate
LONDON W2 3LW
T: 44-71/402 71 51
C: Football Association London W2
X: 261 110 faldn g
F: 44-71/402 04 86
L: E, F, D, S
N: White/ blue/red; navy blue; white/blue

EQUATORIAL GUINEA
Federacion Ecuatoguineana de Futbol
MALABO
T: 240-9/23 92
C: FEGUIFUT Malabo
X: 999 1111 eg
F: 240-9/33 53
L: S
N: Red; red; red

ESTONIA
Estonian Football Association
Regati pst.1-339
EE0019 TALLINN
T: 372-2/23 82 53
X: 173 236 sport
F: 372-2/23 77 58
L: E
N: Blue; black; white

ETHIOPIA
Ethiopian Football Federation
Addis Ababa Stadium
P.O. Box 1080
ADDIS ABABA
T: 25-11/51 44 53
C: Football Addis Ababa
X: 21377 nesco et
F: 25-11/51 33 45
L: E
N: Green; yellow; red

FAROE ISLANDS
The Faroe Islands' F.A.
Fotboltssamband Foroya
Gundadalur
P.O. Box 3028
FR-110 TOR-SHAVN
T: 298/16 707
X: 81332 itrott fa
F: 298/19 079
L: E
N: White; blue; white

FIJI
Fiji Football Association
J.D. Maharaj, Hon Secretary
Gov't Bldgs, P.O. Box 2514
SUVA
T: 679/30 04 53
F: 689/30 46 42
L: E
N: White; blue; blue

FINLAND
Suomen Palloliitto
Finlands Bollforbund
Lantinen Brahenkatu 2
P.O. Box 179
SF-00511 HELSINKI
T: 358-0/701 0101
C: Suomifotboll Helsinki
X: 126033 spl sf
F: 358-0/701 01099
L: E, D
N: White; blue; white

FRANCE
Federation Francaise de Football
60bis, Avenue d'lena
F-75783 PARIS CEDEX 16
T: 33-1/44 31 73 00
C: Cefi Paris 034
X: 640 000 fed-foot f
F: 33-1/47 20 82 96
L: F, E, D, S
N: Blue; white; red

GABON
Federation Gabonaise de Football
B.P. 181
LIBREVILLE
T: 241/74 47 47
C: FEGAFOOT Libreville
X: 5526 GO
L: F
N: Green/yellow/ blue; blue/ yel-low/blue; white

GAMBIA
Gambia Football Association
Independence Stadium, Bakau
P.O. Box 523
BANJUL
T: 220/49 69 80
C: Sports Gambia Banjul
X: 2262 fisco gv
F: 220/39 49 62
L: E
N: White; white; white/red

GEORGIA
Football Federation of Georgia
5, Shota Iamanidze str.
380012 TBILISI
T: 7-8832/96 07 60
F: 49-5151/13 086
L: E

GERMANY
Deutscher Fusball-Bund
P.O. Box 71 02 65
D-60492 FRANK-FURT AM MAIN
T: 49-69/67 88 0
C: Fussball Frankfurt
X: 416 815 dfb d
F: 49-69/67 88 266
L: D, E ,F
N: White; black; white

GHANA
Ghana Football Association
P.O. Box 1272
ACCRA
T: 233-21/66 66 97
C: GFA Accra
X: 2519 sports gh
F: 233-21/66 85 90
L: E
N: Yel; yel; yel

GREECE
Hellenic Football Federation
Singrou Avenue 137
GR-17121 ATHENS
T: 30-1/933 8850
C: Football Athens
X: 215328 epo gr
F: 30-1/935 9666
L: E, F
N: White; blue; white

GRENADA
Grenada Football Association
P.O. Box 326
St Juilles Street
ST GEORGE'S
T: 1-809/440 1986
C: Grenball Grenada
X: 3431 cw bur
F: 1-809/440 1986
L: E
N: Green/yellow; red; yellow

GUATEMALA
Federacion Nacional de Futbol de Guatemala
Palacio de los Deportes
Apartado Postal No. 1809
GUATEMALA C.A.
T: 502-2/32 62 11
C: Fenafutg Guatemala C.A.
X: 3195 petrogu
F: 502-2/31 57 45
L: S
N: White/blue; blue; white

GUINEA
Federation Guineenne de Football
P.O. Box 3645
CONAKRY
T: 224/44 32 04
C: Guinefoot Conakry
X: 22303 mu ge
F: 224/41 36 73
L: F
N: Red; yellow; green

GUINEA-BISSAU
Federacao de Futebol da Guine-Bissau
Rua 4 No. 10-C
C.P. 375
1035 BISSAU - CODEX
T: 245/20 19 18
C: Futebol Bissau
X: 250 publico bi
F: 245/20 19 18
L: F, S
N: Red; red; red

GUYANA
Guyana Football Association
Lot 65 King Street,
P.O. Box 10727
GEORGETOWN
T: 592-2/71 146
X: 011 592 2 52169
F: 592-2/56 676
L: E
N: Green; green; yellow

HAITI
Federation Haitienne de Football
B.P. 2258
Stade Sylvio-Cator
PORT-AU-PRINCE
T: 509-1/22 32 37
C: Fedhafoob Port-Au-Prince
L: F
N: Blue/red; blue; blue; red

HOLLAND
Koninklijke Nederlandsche Voetbalbond
Woudenbergsew eg 56-58
Postbus 515
NL-3700 AM ZEIST
T: 31-3439/9211
C: Voetbal Zeist
X: 40497 knvb nl
F: 31-3439/1397
L: E
N: Orange; white; orange

HONDURAS
Federacion Nacional Autonoma de Futbol de Honduras
Apartado Postal 827
Costa Oeste de Est. Nac.
TEGUCIGALPA, D.C.
T: 504/31 14 32/6
C: Fenafuth Tegucigalpa
F: 504/31 14 28
L: S, E
N: Blue; white; blue

HONG KONG
The Hong Kong Football Association Ltd.
55 Fat Kwong Street, Homantin
Kowloon
HONG KONG
T: 852/712 9122
C: Football Hong Kong
X: 40519 fahkg hx
F: 852/760 4303
L: E
N: Red; white; red

HUNGARY
Hungarian Football Federation
Magyar Labdarugo Szovetseg
Nepstadion, Toronyepulet
Istvanmezei ut. 3-5
H-1146 BUDAPEST XIV
T: 36-1/252 9296
C: MLSZ Budapest Nepstadion
X: 225782 mlsz h
F: 36-1/252 9986
L: D, E
N: Red; white; green

ICELAND
Knattspyrnusamb and Islands
The Football Association of Iceland
Laugardal
IS-104 REYKJAVIK
T: 354/581 4444
C: KSI Reykjavik
X: 2314 isi is
F: 354/568 9793
L: E, D
N: Blue; white; blue

INDIA
All India Football Federation
Green Lawns Talap
P.O. Box No 429
CANNANORE
670 002/KERALA
T: 91-497/50 01 99
C: Soccer
X: 805 286
F: 91-497/50 09 23
L: E
N: Orange; white; green

INDONESIA
All Indonesia Football Federation
Main Stadium Senayan, Gate VII
P.O. Box 2305
JAKARTA 10023
T: 62-21/573 1541
C: PSSI Jakarta
X: 65739 pssi ia
F: 62-21/573 4386
L: E
N: Red; white; red/white

IRAN
IR Iran Football Federation
Shahid Shirody Stadium
P.O. Box 15815/1881
TEHRAN
T: 98-21/882 5534
C: Football Iran - Tehran
X: 212691 nocir
F: 98-21/883 5672
L: E
N: White; white; white

IRAQ
Iraqi Football Association
Olympic Committee Building
Palestine Street
BAGHDAD
T: 964-1/772 9990
C: Ball Baghdad
X: 214074 irfa ik
F: 964-1/772 8424
L: E
N: White; green; white

ISRAEL
The Israel Football Association
Ramat-Gan Stadium
299 Aba Hilell Street
RAMAT-GAN 52594
T: 972-3/570 9059
C: Caduregel Ramat Gan
X: 361353 fa
F: 972-3/570 2044
L: E, F, D
N: Blue; white; blue

ITALY
Federazione Italiana Giuoco Calcio
Via Gregorio Allegri, 14
C.P. 2450
1-00198 ROMA
T: 39-6/84 911
C: Federcalcio Roma
X: 624132 calcio i
F: 39-6/849 122 39
L: F, E
N: Blue; white, blue/white

IVORY COAST
Federation Ivoirienne de Football
Av. 1 Treichville
01 B.P. 1202
ABIDJAN 01
T: 225/24 00 27
C: FIF Abidjan
X: 42344 fif ci
F: 225/24 43 08
L: F
N: Orange; white; green

JAMAICA
Jamaica Football Federation
General Secretariat
Room 8, Nat. Arena, Institute of Sports, Independence Park
KINGSTON 6

T: 1-809/929 0484
C: Football Jamaica Kingston
X: 2224 fedlasco ja
F: 1-809/929 0483
L: E
N: Green; black; gold

JAPAN
The Football Assoc of Japan
2nd Floor, Gotoh Ikueikai Bldg
1-10-7 Dogenzaka, Shibuya-Ku
TOKYO 150
T: 81-3/3476 2011
C: Soccerjapan Tokyo
X: 2422975 fotjpn j
F: 81-3/3476 2291
L: E
N: Blue; white; blue

JORDAN
Jordan Football Association
P.O. Box 1054
AMMAN
T: 962-6/62 44 81
C: Jordan Football Assn Amman
X: 22415 foball jo
F: 962-6/62 44 54
L: E
N: White/red; White /red; White/red

KAZAKHSTAN
The Football Association of the Republic of Kazakhstan
44, Abai Street
480072 ALMATY
T: 327-2/67 44 72
X: 251347 trek su
F: 327-2/67 18 85
L: E
N: Yellow; yellow; yellow

KENYA
Kenya Football Federation
Nyayo National Stadium
P.O. Box 40234
NAIROBI
T: 254-2/50 18 25/35
C: KEFF Nairobi
X: 24069 spicers ke
F: 254-2/50 11 20
L: E
N: Red/green/ white; red/green/ black; red/green/ black

KUWAIT
Kuwait Football Association
P.O. Box 2029
13021 SAFAT
T: 965/255 5851
C: Foot Kuwait
X: 22600 kt
F: 965/255 5935
L: E
N: Blue; white; blue

KYRGYZSTAN
Football Association of Kyrgyz Republic
Togolok Moldo Street 17
720033 BISHKEK
T: 331-2/22 54 92
X: 251239 salam su
F: 331-2/26 70 04
L: E
N: Red; white; red

LAOS
Federation Lao de Football
National Stadium
VIENTIANE
T: 856-21/60 08/9
C: Football Vientiane
F: 856-21/60 08
L: F, E
N: Red; white; blue

LATVIA
Latvian Football Federation
Augsiela 1
LV 1009 RIGA
T: 371-2/29 29 88
X: 161 183 ritm su
F: 371/882 8331
L: E
N: Red; white; red

LEBANON
Federation Libanaise de Football-Association
P.O. Box 4732
Verdun Street
Bristol
Radwan Center Bldg.
BEIRUT
T: 961-1/86 80 99
C: Football Beirut
X: 21404 liball
F: 961-1/34 95 29
L: F, E
N: Red; white; red

LESOTHO
Lesotho Football Association
P.O. Box 1879
MASERU-100
T: 266/31 12 91
C: Lefa Maseru
X: 4493, 4228
F: 266/31 01 94
L: E
N: Blue; green; white

LIBERIA
The Liberia Football Association
P.O. Box 10-1066
1000 MONROVIA 10
T: 231/22 21 77
C: Libfotass Monrovia
X: 44220 exm lbr
F: 231/73 50 03
L: E
N: Red; white; red

LIBYA
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya Football Federation
P.O. Box 5137
TRIPOLI
T: 218-21/444 2646
C: ALKUR Tripoli
X: 20896 kuratp ly
F: 218-21/444 6610
L: E
N: Green; white; green

LIECHTENSTEIN
Liechtensteiner Fussball-Verband
Am schragen Weg 17
Postfach 165
FL-9490 VADUZ
T: 41-75/233 2428
C: Fussballverband Vaduz
F: 41-75/233 2430
L: D, E, F
N: Blue; red; blue

LITHUANIA
Lithuanian Football Federation
Rinktines str. 3/11
2051 VILNIUS
T: 370-2/35 36 54
X: 261 118 lsk su
F: 370-2/35 36 51
L: E
N: Yellow; green; yellow

LUXEMBOURG
Federation Luxembourgeoise de Football
50, Rue de Strasbourg
L-2560 LUXEM-BOURG
T: 352/48 86 65
C: FOOTBALL LUXEMBOURG
X: 2426 flf l
F: 352/40 02 01
L: D, F, E
N: Red; red; red

MACAO
Associacao de Futebol de Macau (AFM)
P.O. Box 920
MACAU
T: 853/71 996
C: Football Macau
F: 853/26 01 48
L: E, F
N: Red/Green; red; red

MACEDONIA
Football Association of F.Y.R. of Macedonia
V111 Udarna Brigada 31 A
91000 SKOPJE
T: 389-91/23 69 43
F: 389-91/23 54 48
L: E
N: Red; red; red

MADAGASCAR
Federation Malagasy de Football
P.O. Box 4409
ANTANANARIVO 101
T: 261-2/28 051
X: 22393 motel mg
L: F
N: Red; white; green

MALAWI
Football Association of Malawi
P.O. Box 865
BLANTYR
T: 265/63 66 86
C: Football Blantyre
X: 4526 sports mi
F: 265/63 69 41
L: E
N: Red; red; red

MALAYSIA
Football Association of Malaysia
Wisma Fam, Tingkat 3
Jalan SS5A/9, Kelana Jaya
47301 PETALING JAYA, SELANGOR
T: 60-3/776 3766
C: Footb. Petaling Jaya Selangor
X: fam pj ma 36701
F: 60-3/775 7984
L: E
N: Yellow/Black; Yellow/Black; Yellow/Black

MALDIVES REPUBLIC
Football Assoc of Maldives
National Stadium
Ghalolhu
MALE' 20-04
T: 960/31 70 06
X: 77039 min-hom mf
F: 960/31 70 05
L: E
N: Green; white; red

MALI
Federation Malienne de Football
Stade Mamadou Konate
P.O. Box 1020
BAMAKO
T: 223/22 42 54
C: Malifoot Bamako
X: 0985 1200 mj
F: 223/23 03 22
L: F
N: Green; yellow; red

MALTA
Malta Football Association
280, St Paul Street
VALLETTA VLT 07
T: 356/22 26 97
C: Football Malta Valletta
X: 1752 malfa mw
F: 356/24 51 36
L: E
N: Red; white; red

MAURITANIA
Federation de Foot-Ball de la Republic Islamique de Mauritanie
B.P. 566
NOUAKCHOTT
T: 222-2/59 057
C: Foot RIM Nouakchott
X: 577 mtn nktt rim
F: 222-2/59 057
L: F
N: Green/yellow; yellow; green

MAURITIUS
Mauritius Football Assoc
Chancery House
2nd Floor Nos. 303-305
14 Lislet Geoffroy Street
PORT LOUIS
T: 230/212 1418
C: MFA Port Louis
X: 4427 msa iw
F: 230/208 4100
L: E, F
N: Red; white; red/white

MEXICO
Federacion Mexicana de Futbol
Asociacion, A.C.
Abraham Gonzalez 74,
C.P. 06600, Col. Juarez
MEXICO 6, D.F.
T: 52-5/566 2155
C: Mexfutbol Mexico
X: 1771678 msutme
F: 52-5/566 7580
L: S, E
N: Green/white; white; red

MOLDOVA
Moldavian Football Federation
Bd. Stefan cel Mare 73
277001 CHISINAU
T: 3732/22 44 98
X: 163218 sport fotbal
F: 3732/22 22 44
L: E

MOROCCO
Federation Royale Marocaine de Football
Av. Ibn Sina, C.N.S. Bellevue
B.P. 51
RABAT
T: 212-7/67 27 06/08
C: Fermafoot Rabat
X: 32940 fermfoot m
F: 212-7/67 10 70
L: F
N: Red; red; red

MOZAMBIQUE
Federacao Mocambicana de Futebol
Av. Samora Machel, 11-2
Caixa Postal 1467
MAPUTO
T: 258-1/42 64 75
C: Mocambola Maputo
X: 6-575 perco mo
F: 258-1/42 29 68
L: E, F
N: Red; black; black/red

MYANMAR
Myanmar Football Federation
Aung San Memorial Stadium
Kandawgalay Post Office
YANGON
T: 951/75 249
C: Football Yangon
X: 21253 sped bm
F: 951/72 716
L: E
N: Red; white; red

NAMIBIA
Namibia Football Federation
18, Curt van Francois
P.O. Box 1345
2000 WINDHOEK
T: 264-61/22 00 66
F: 264-61/22 13 04
L: E

NEPAL
All-Nepal Football Assoc
Dasharath Rangashala
Tripureshwor
P.O. Box 2090
KATHMANDU
T: 977-1/21 57 03
C: ANFA Kathmandu
X: 2390 nsc np
F: 977-1/22 32 46
L: E
N: Red; red; red

NETHERLANDS ANTILLES
Nederlands Antiliaanse Voetbal Unie
P.O. Box 341
CURACAO, N.A.
T: 599-9/68 87 48
C: NAVU Curcacao
X: 1046 ennia na
F: 599-9/61 67 40
L: E, S
N: White/red /blue; white; red/white/blue

NEW ZEALAND
New Zealand Football Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 62-532
Central Park
AUCKLAND 6
T: 64-9/525 6120
F: 64-9/525 6123
L: E
N: White/black; white; white

NICARAGUA
Federacion Nicaraguense de Futbol
Estadio Futbol Camilo Ortega (Cranshaw), Apdo Postal 976
MANAGUA
T: 505-2/66 41 34
C: Fedefoot Managua
F: 505-2/66 41 34
L: S, E
N: Blue/white; blue; blue/white

NIGER
Federation Nigerienne de Football
Stade du 29 juillet
P.O. Box 10299
NIAMEY
T: 227/73 47 05
P. 220
C: Federfoot Niger Niamey
X: 5527
F: 227/73 55 12
L: F
N: Orange; white; green

NIGERIA
Nigeria Football Assocation
146-148, Ogunlana Drive
SURULERE, LAGOS
T: 234-1/545 0310
C: Football Lagos
X: 26570 nfa ng
F: 234-1/545 0282
L: E
N: Green; white; green

NORTHERN IRELAND
Irish Football Association
20 Windsor Ave
BELFAST BT9 6EG
T: 44-232/66 94 58/59
C: Football Belfast
X: 747317 ifa ni g
F: 44-232/66 76 20
L: E
N: Green; white; green

NORTH KOREA
Football Assoc of the Democratic People's Rep. of Korea
Kumsong-dong 2
Mangyongdae District
PYONGYANG
T: 850-2/81 41 64
C: DPR Korea Football Pyongyang
X: 5472 kp
F: 850-2/81 44 03
L: E
N: White; white; white

NORWAY
Norges Fotballforbund
Postboks 3823
Ullevaal Hageby
N-0805 OSLO
T: 47-22/95 10 00
C: Fotballforbund Oslo
X: 71722 nff n
F: 47-22/95 10 10
L: E, D
N: Red; white; blue

OMAN
Oman Football Association
P.O. Box 3462
112 RUWI-MUSCAT
T: 968/78 76 38/9
C: Football Muscat
X: 5320 football on
F: 968/78 76 32/33
L: E
N: Red/white; red/white; red/white

PAKISTAN
Pakistan Football Federation
183, Abu Bakar Block
New Garden Town
LAHORE
T: 92-42/583 2786
C: Football Lahore
X: 47643 pff pk
F: 92-42/728 1541
L: E
N: Green; white; green

PANAMA
Asociacion Nacional de Futbol de Panama
Av. Justo Arosemena, Ed. Puerta
Apdo. 6-1811, 'El Dorado'
PANAMA
T: 507/27 04 54
F: 507/27 04 60
L: S
N: Red; blue; white

PAPUA NEW GUINEA
Papua New Guinea Football (Soccer) Assoc. Inc.
c/o National Sports Institute
P.O. Box 337
GOROKA, EHP
T: 675/72 23 91
X: totra ne 23436
F: 675/72 19 41
L: E
N: Red; black; red

PARAGUAY
Liga Paraguaya de Futbol
Estadio de Sajonia, Calles Mayor Martinez y Alejo Garcia
ASUNCION
T: 595-21/81 743
X: 38009 py futbol
F: 595-21/81 743
L: S
N: Red/white; blue; blue

PERU
Federacion Peruana de Futbol
Estadio Nacional/ Puerta No. 4
Calle Jose Diaz
LIMA
T: 51-14/33 70 70
C: Fepefutbol Lima
X: 20066 fepefut pe
F: 51-14/33 30 18
L: S, F, E
N: White/red, white/ red; white/red

PHILIPPINES
Philippine Football Federation
P.O. Box No 4060
Makati CPO
MANILA
T: 63-2/59 46 55
C: Football Manila
X: 65014 poc paca pn
F: 63-2/58 77 24
L: E, S
N: Blue/Red; blue; white

POLAND
Federation Polonaise de Football
Polski Zwiazek Pilki Noznej
Al. Ujazdowskie 22
PL-00-478
WARSZAWA
T: 48-22/29 24 89
C: Pezetpeen Warszawa
X: 825320 pzpn pl
F: 48-22/29 24 89
L: E, F
N: White; red; white/red

PORTUGAL
Federacao Portuguesa de Futebol
Praca de Alegria, 25
C.P. 21. 100
P-1128 LISBOA CODEX
T: 351-1/342 8207/8/9/0
C: Futebol Lisboa
X: 13489 fpf p
F: 351-1/346 7231
L: F
N: Red; green; red

PUERTO RICO
Federacion Puertorriquena de Futbol
Coliseo Roberto Clemente
P.O. Box 194355
HATO REY, P.R. 00919-4355
T: 1-809/764 2025
X: 0206 3450296
F: 1-809/764 2025
L: S, E
N: Red/white; blue; blue/white

QATAR
Qatar Football Association
P.O. Box 5333
DOHA
T: 974/35 16 41
C: Footqatar Doha
X: 4749 qatfot dh
F: 974/41 16 60
L: E
N: White; mar'n; white

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND
The Football Assoc. of Ireland
Cumann Peile Na H-Eireann
80 Merrion Square, South
DUBLIN 2
T: 353-1/676 6864
X: 91397 fai ei
F: 353-1/661 0931
L: E
N: Green; white; green/white

ROMANIA
Federation Roumaine de Football
Str. Poligrafiei 3, Sector 1
71556 BUCHAREST
T: 40-1/210 1993
C: Sportrom Bucuresti - Fotbal
X: 10097 frf r
F: 40-1/312 8324
L: F, E
N: Yellow; yellow; yellow

RUSSIA
The Football Union of Russia
Luzhnetskaya Naberezhnaja, 8
119871
MOSCOW
T: 70-95/201 1637
X: 411287 priz su
F: 70-95/201 1303
L: E, F
N: White; blue; red

RWANDA
Federation Rwandaise de Football Amateur
B.P. 2000
KIGALI
T: 250/82 605
C: Ferwafa Kigali
X: 22504 public rw
F: 250/76 574
L: F
N: Red/green /yellow; green; red

SAN MARINO
Federazione Sammarinese Giuoco Calcio
Viale Campo dei Giudei, 14
47031 REP. SAN MARINO
T: 39-549/99 05 15
X: 0505-284 cosmar so
F: 39-549/99 23 48
L: F
N: Light blue; light blue; light blue

SAO TOME E PRINCIPE
Federation Santomense de Futebol
P.O. Box 42
SAO TOME
T: 239-12/22 311
X: 213 publico stp
F: 239-12/21 365
L: F
N: Green/yellow; green/yellow; green/yellow

SAUDI ARABIA
Saudi Arabian Football Federation
Al Mather Quarter (Ol. Compl.)
P.O. Box 5844
RIYADH 11432
T: 966-1/482 2240
C: Kura Riyadh
X: 404300 safotb sj
F: 966-1/482 1215
L: E
N: White; green; white

SCOTLAND
The Scottish Football Assoc.
6 Park Gardens
GLASGOW G3 7YF
T: 44-141/332 6372
C: Executive Glasgow
X: 778904 sfa g
F: 44-141/332 7559
L: E, F, D
N: Dark blue; dark blue; dark blue

SENEGAL
Federation Senegaliaise de Football
Stade de l'Amitie, Route del'aeroport de Yoff,
B.P. 13021
DAKAR
T: 221/24 35 42
C: Senefoot Dakar
X: 13048 publidk sg
F: 221/24 35 24
L: F, E
N: Green; yellow; red

SEYCHELLES
Seychelles Football Federation
P.O. Box 580
Mont Fleuri
VICTORIA
T: 248/24 126
X: 2240 culspt sz
F: 248/23 518
L: E
N: Red; white; red

SIERRA LEONE
Sierra Leone Football Assoc.
National Stadium
P.O. Box 672
FREETOWN
T: 232-22/24 18 72
C: SLFA Freetown
X: 3210 booth sl
F: 232-22/24 05 62
L: E
N: Green/white/ blue; white; blue /white

SINGAPORE
Football Assoc. of Singapore
Jalan Besar Stadium
Tyrwhitt Road
SINGAPORE 0820
T: 65/293 1477
C: Soccer Singapore
X: sinfa rs 37683
F: 65/293 3728
L: E
N: Red; red; red

SLOVAKIA
Slovak Football Association
Junacka 6
832 80
BRATISLAVA
T: 42-7/279 0151/5
F: 42-7/279 0554
L: E, D
N: Blue; blue; blue

SLOVENIA
The Football Association of Slovenia
Nogometna zveza Slovenije
Dunajska 47/V, p.p. 90
61109 LJUBLJANA
T: 386-61/133 4063
F: 386-61/30 23 37
L: E
N: Green; white; white

SOLOMON ISLANDS
Solomon Islands Football Federation
P.O. Box 1124
HONIARA
T: 677/23 553
X: hq 66349
F: 677/23715
L: E

SOMALIA
Somali Football Federation
P.O. Box 247
MOGADISHU
T: 20-2/341 2487
Cairo
C: Somalia Football Mogadishu
F: 20-2/342 0114
L: E
N: Sky blue; white; white

SOUTH AFRICA
South African Football Assoc.
First National Bank Stadium
NASREC/P.O. Box 910
JOHANNESBURG 2000
T: 27-11/494 3522/3446
F: 27-11/494 3447/3013
L: E
N: Sky blue; white; white

SOUTH KOREA
Korea Football Association
110-39, Kyeonji-Dong, Chongro-Ku, SEOUL
T: 82-2/733 6764
C: Footballkorea Seoul
X: kfasel k 25373
F: 82-2/735 2755
L: E
N: White; blue; white

SPAIN
Real Federacion Espanola de Futbol
Calle Alberto Bosch, 13
Apartado postal 347
E-28014 MADRID
T: 34-1/420 1362
C: Futbol Madrid
X: 42420 rfef e
F: 34-1/420 2094
L: S, F
N: Red; blue; blue

SRI LANKA
Football Federation of Sri Lanka
2, Old Grand Stand Race Course - Reid Avenue
COLOMBO 7
T: 94-1/69 61 79
C: Soccer Colombo
X: 21537 metalix ce
F: 94-1/58 07 21
L: E
N: Maroon/gold; white; white

ST KITTS AND NEVIS
St Kitts-Nevis Amateur Football Association
P.O. Box 465
BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS
T: 809-465 2521
C: Horsford St Kitts
X: 6822 horsfd-skb kc
F: 809-465 1042
L: E
N: Green/yellow; red; yellow

ST LUCIA
St Lucia National Football Assoc.
P.O. Box 255
CASTRIES
T: 1-809/31 519
C: NFU St Lucia
X: 6394 for aff lc
F: 1-809/452 4127
L: E
N: Blue/white; black; blue

ST VINCENT/ GRENADINES
St Vincent and the Grenadines Football Federation
P.O. Box 1278
ST VINCENT/ WEST INDIES
T: 1-809/457 1971
F: 1-809/457 2970
L: E

SUDAN
Sudan Football Association
P.O. Box 437
KHARTOUM
T: 249/11/76 633
C: Alkoura Khartoum
X: 23007 kora sd
F: 249-11/81 160
L: E
N: Green; white; green

SURINAM
Surinaamse Voetbal Bond
Cultuurtuinlaan 7
P.O. Box 1223
PARAMARIBO
T: 597/47 31 12
C: SVB Paramaribo
F: 597/47 97 18
L: E
N: Red/green/white; white or green; white or green

SWAZILAND
National Football Association of Swaziland
P.O. Box 641
MBABANE
T: 268/46 852
X: 2245 exp wd
F: 268/46 206
L: E
N: Blue; gold; white

SWEDEN
Svenska Fotbollforbundet
Box 1216
S-17123 SOLNA
T: 46-8/735 0900
C: Football-S
X: 17711 fotboll s
F: 46-8/27 51 47
L: E, D, F
N: Yellow; blue; yellow

SWITZERLAND
Schweizerischer Fussball-Verband
Postfach
3000 BERN 15
T: 41-32/950 8111
C: Swissfoot Berne
X: 912910 sfv ch
F: 41-31/950 8181
L: D, F, E
N: Red; white; red

SYRIA
Association Arabe Syrienne de Football
General Sport Fed. Building
October Stadium
DAMASCUS - BAREMKE
T: 963-11/333 5866
C: Football Damascus
X: spot fed 411578
F: 963-11/21 53 46
L: E, F
N: White; white; white

TAHITI
Federation Tahitienne de Football (F.T.F.)
A l'att de M. Napoleon Spitz
B.P. 650
PAPEETE
T: 689/42 04 10
C: Football Tahiti
F: 689/42 16 79
L: F
N: White; red; white

TAJIKISTAN
Tajikistan Football Federation
44 Rudaki Avenue
P.O. Box 26
734025
DUSHANBE
T: 377-2/21 23 63
X: 116286 shakh
F: 377-2/21 24 47
L: E

TANZANIA
Football Association of Tanzania
P.O. Box 1574
DAR ES SALAAM
T: 255-51/32 334
C: FAT Dar-es-Salaam
X: 41873 tz
L: E
N: Yellow/black; yellow, Yellow/black

THAILAND
The Football Association of Thailand
National Stadium
Rama 1 Road
BANGKOK
T: 66-2/214 1058
C: Football Bangkok
X: 20211 fat th
F: 66-2/215 4494
L: E
N: Red; red; red

TOGO
Federation Togolaise de Football
C.P. 5
LOME
T: 228/21 26 98
C: Togofoot Lome
X: 5015 cnot tg
F: 228/22 16 96
L: F
N: White; green; red/yellow/green

TONGA
The Tonga Football Association
P.O. Box 1801
NUKU'ALOFA
T: 676/21 366
C: Soccer Nuku'Alofa
F: 676/24 260
L: E
N: Red; white; red/white

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
Trinidad and Tobago Football Association
Cor. Duke & Scott-Bushe Street
P.O. Box 400
PORT OF SPAIN
T: 1-809/625 2880
C: TRAFA Port of Spain
F: 1-809/627 7661
L: E
N: White; black; red

TUNISIA
Federation Tunisienne de Football
20, Rue Bilal
El Menzah VI
TUNIS 1004
T: 216-1/23 33 03
C: Football Tunis
X: 14783 ftfoot tn
F: 216-1/76 79 29
L: F
N: Red; white; red

TURKEY
Turkiye Futbol Federasyonu
The Turkish Football Assn
Konaklar Mah, Ihlamurlu Sok. 9
80620 4. LEVENT - ISTANBUL
T: 90-212/282 7010
F: 90-212/282 7015
L: E, F
N: White; white; red/white

TURKMENISTAN
Turkmenistan Football Federation
44, Engels Street
744000
ASHKABAD
T: 3632/25 38 44
X: 116175 tinto su
F: 3632/29 06 46
L: E

UGANDA
Federation of Uganda Football Associations
0.0. Box 20077
KAMPALA
T: 256-41/25 44 77/8
C: FUFA Lugogo Stadium, Kampala
X: 61272 public
F: 256-41/24 55 80
L: E
N: Yellow/black; black/yellow; yellow/red

UKRAINE
Football Federation of Ukraine
Ulianovyih, 1
252023 KIEV
T: 70-44/264 7298
F: 70-44/264 7564
L: E
N: Yellow/blue; blue; yellow

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
United Arab Emirates Football Association
Post Box 5458
DUBAI
T: 971-4/82 34 44
C: Football Emirates Dubai
X: 47623 uaefa em
F: 971-4/82 37 00
L: E
N: White; white; white

URUGUAY
Asociacion Uruguaya de Futbol
Guayabo 1531
11200 MONTEVIDEO
T: 59-82/40 71 01/06
C: Football Montevideo
X: auf uy 22607
F: 59-82/40 78 73
L: S, E, F
N: Sky blue/ white; blue/white; sky blue/white

USA
US Soccer
US Soccer House
1801-1811 S. Prairie Ave
CHICAGO, IL 60616
T: 1-312/808 1300
X: 450024 us soccer fed
F: 1-312/808 1301
L: E, S, D
N: White; blue; white

UZBEKISTAN
Uzbekistan Football Federation
Massiv Almazar
Furkat Street 15/1
700003
TASHKENT
T: 3712/45 49 48
X: 116018 ptb su
F: 3712/44 31 83
L: E
N: Blue; white; green

VANUATU
Vanuatu Football Federation
P.O. Box 266
PORT VILA
T: 678/22 009
C: Futbol Blong Vanuatu
F: 678/23 579
L: F, E
N: Gold/black; black; gold/black

VENEZUELA
Federacion Venezolana de Futbol
Avda Este
Estadio Nacional
El Paraiso Apdo. Postal 14160
CANDELARIA
CARCS
T: 58-2/461 7870
C: Fevefutbol Caracas
X: 26 140 fvfcs vc
F: 58-2/461 80 10
L: S
N: Dark red; white; white/ black

VIETNAM SR
Vietnam Football Federation
36 Tran-Phu Lane
HANOI
T: 84-2/52 480
C: AFBVN, 36, Tran-Phu Hanoi
F: 84-42/32 455
L: E, F, D
N: Red; red; red

WALES
The Football Association of Wales, Ltd
Plymouth Chambers
3 Westgate St
CARDIFF CF1 IDD
GB
T: 44-222/37 23 25
C: Welsoccer Cardiff
X: 497363 faw g
F: 44-222/34 39 61
L: E
N: Red; red; red

WESTERN SAMOA
Western Samoa Football (Soccer) Association
P.O. Box 960
APIA
T: 685/22 822
X: 233 treasury sx
F: 685/21 312
L: F
N: Royal blue; white; royal blue/white

YEMEN
Republic of Yemen Football Association
P.O. Box 908
SANA'A
T: 967-1/21 57 20
C: Sana'a Football
X: 2710 youth ye
F: 967-1/26 31 82
L: E
N: Green; green; green

YUGOSLAVIA
Yugoslav Football Association
35, Terazije, P.O. Box 263
YU-11000
BEOGRAD
T: 382-11/33 34 47
C: Jugofudbad Belgrade
X: 11666 fsj yu
F: 382-11/33 34 33
L: E, F
N: Blue; white; red

ZAIRE
Federation Zairoise de Football-Association
P.O. Box 1284,
Av. de l'Enseignem. 210,
Z/Kasa-Vubu
KINSHASA 1
C: FEZAFA Kinshasa
F: 87-11/50 65 55
L: F
N: Green; yellow; red

ZAMBIA
Football Association of Zambia
P.O. Box 34751
LUSAKA
T: 260-1/22 11 45
C: Football Lusaka
X: 40204 za faz
F: 260-1/22 50 46
L: E
N: Copper; black; copper

ZIMBABWE
Zimbabwe Football Association
P.O. Box CY 114
Causeway
HARARE
T: 263-4/23 942
C: Soccer Harare
X: 22299 soccer zw
F: 263-4/24 076
L: E
N: Green; gold; Green/gold

CLUBS

ALBANIA

Apollonia
Lagja Kastrioti
AL-Fier
T: 355-42/21 83

Albpetrol
AL-Patos
T: 355-42/346 94

Besa
AL-Kavaje
T: 355-57/428 54

Beslidhja
AL-Lezha
T: 355-42/620

Dinamo
AL-Tirana
T: 355-42/236 62

Elbasani
AL-Elbasani
T: 355-545/32 53

Flamurtari
AL-Vlora
T: 355-42/10 21 42

Iliria
AL-Fushe Kruje

Lac
AL-Lac
T: 355-42/288

Partizani
AL-Tirana
T: 355-42/51 38

Shkumbini
AL-Peqini
T: 355-734

Shqiponja
AL-Gjirokastra
T: 355-23 83

Teuta
AL-Durres
T: 355-52/236 31

Tirana
AL-Tirana
T: 355-42/276 06

Tomorii
AL-Berati
T: 355-627

Vllaznia
AL-Shkoder
T: 355-22/423 05

ARMENIA

Ararat
Tigran Mets Ave 4
375010 Erevan
T: 7-8852/52 21 52
F: 7-8852/56 60 02

Aznavour (Echemberian)
Banants (Kotaik region)
Ema-Arai (Echmiadzin)
Homenetmen (Erevan)
Hornenmen-Fima (Erevan)
Kanaz (Erevan)
Kotaik (Abovian
Lorie (Vankdzor)
Nairit (Erevan)
Shirak (Giumrie)
Tsement (Ararat)
Van (Erevan)
Yerazank (Erevan)
Zanguezour (Goris)
All above clubs can be contacted c/o Football Federation of Armenia, Erevan.

AUSTRIA

Austria-Memphis
Ernst-Hasppel-Stadion, Sektor DMeiereistrasse
A-1020 Wien
T: 43-1/728 64 91
F: 43-1/728 31 78

Admira-Wacker
Johann-Steinbock-Strasse 1
A-2344 Maria Enzersdorf
T: 43-2236/23 479
F: 43-2236/23 479-12

FC Linz
Ziegeleistrasse/Linzer Sta
A-4020 Linz
T: 43-732/61 01 01
F: 43-732/61 01 01-72

Tirol Innsbruck
Resselstrasse 18/11
A-6020 Innsbruck
T: 43-512/47 880
F: 43-512/49 32 88

Linzer ASK
Daimlerstrasse 35
A-4020 Linz
T: 43-732/81 830
F: 43-732/66 18 25

SV Casino Salzburg
Schumacherstrasse 14
A-5020 Salzbvurg
T: 43-661/43 33 32
F: 43-662/43 02 16

Rapid Wien
Keisslergasse 6
A-1140 Wien
T: 43-1/914 34 90
F: 43-1/911 19 06

Sturm Graz
Sternackerweg 116
A-8042 Graz
T: 43-316/40 26 28
F: 43-316/40 26 28 22

Vorwarts Steyr
Volksstrasse
A-4400 Steyr
T: 43-7252/541 19
F: 43-7252/461 95

VfB Modling
Postfach 101
A-2340 Modling
T: 43-2236/22 858
F: 43-2236/22 859-35

AZERBAIJAN

Azneftyag
Epo Radiostroyenie
Baku
T: 994-2/71 41 88
F: 994-2/73 05 92

Baki Fekhlesi Mashtagi
Mashtagi Settlement
Baku
T: 994-2/24 32 35

Inshaatchi10b Darnagui Settlement
Baku
T: 994-2/62 0814

Kapaz
98a Sarali Str
Ganja
T: 994-89522/ 241 63

Karabakh
2 B Sardarov Str
Agdam
T: 994-2920/633 20

Khazar Baku
Sutarmardov Settlement
Lenkoran-Baku
T: 994-271/540 61

Khazar Samgait
25 B. Vurgun Str
Samgait
T: 994-264/548 28

Khazri-Eltach
Pobeda Str
Buzovni Settlement
Baku
T: 994-2/53 08 76

Kur Nur
18 S. Vurgun Str
37411
Mingechaour
T: 994-247/474 03

Neftchi
98a Leningradski Avenue
Baku
T: 994-2/64 15 07
F: 994-2/64 50 89

Pambigchi
1 A Astanov StrBarda
T: 994-210/235 04

Shakhdag
T. Ismaylov Str
Gusari 373 110
T: 994-238/522 93

Touran
Samed Vurgun Str
Taouz
T: 530 11

Viliash
1 Galabazar
Massalli
T: 994-251/532 50

BELGIUM

Club Brugge
Olympialaan 74
B-8200 St Andries-Brugge 2
T: 32-50/32 13 85
F: 32-50/38 10 23

Beveren
Klapperstraat 151/bis
B-2190 Beveren-Waas
T: 32-3/775 49 94
F: 32-3/775 08 00

Gent
Bruilofstraat 42
B-9050 Gentbrugge
T: 32-9/221 68 17
F: 31-9/230 20 10

Germinal Ekeren
Veltwijcklaan 33
B-2180 Ekeren
T: 32-3/541 38 92
F: 32-3/541 41 27

Lommel
Speelpleinstraat 20
B-3920 Lommel
T: 32-11/54 33 99
F: 32-11/55 28 01

Lierse
Voetbalstraat 4
B-2500 Lier
T: 32-3/480 13 70
F: 32-3/488 06 59

Eendracht Aalst
Leliestraat 29B-1742 St Katherina-Lombeek
T: 32-53/66 49 89
F: 32-53/77 98 78

Cercle Brugge
Olympialaan 74
B-8200 St Andries-Brugge 2
T: 32-50/38 91 93
F: 32-50/39 11 41

KV Mechelen
Kleine Nieuwedijkstraat 62
B-2800 Mechelen
T: 32-15/51 48 80
F: 32-15/21 90 33

Oostend
E Beernaertstraat 58 bus 1
B-8400 Oostende
T: 32-59/50 08 37
F: 32-59/51 22 00

St Truiden
Galgestraat 183
B-3803 Sint-Triuden
T: 32-11/68 35 93
F: 32-11/69 23 80

Charleroi
Bd Zoe Drion 19
B-6000 Charleroi
T: 32-71/51 84 70
F: 32-71/32 75 14

Seraing
Rue de la Boverie 235
B-4100 Seraing
T: 32-41/37 28 25
F: 32-41/37 26 26

Antwerp
Oude Bosuilbaan 54 A
B-2100 Deurne
T: 32-3/324 64 06
F: 32-2/326 90 70

Anderlecht
Avenue Theo Verbeek 2
B-1070 Bruxelles
T: 32-2/522 15 39
F: 32-2/520 07 04

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F: 49-203/42 32 24

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D-79117 Freiburg
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F: 49-761/23 758

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D-81547
Munchen
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F: 49-89/64 22 826

VfL Bochum
Castroper Strasse 145
D-44791 Bochum
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F: 49-234/59 20 26

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Mercedesstrasse 109
D-70372
Stuttgart
T: 49-711/55 00 70
F: 49-711/55 00 733

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Groningen
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F: 31-50/12 51 94

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NL-7541 PE
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F: 31-53/32 46 39

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Herculesplein 331
NL-3584 AA Utrecht
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F: 31-30/54 03 74

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Postbus 82
NL-1130 AB
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T: 31-2993/63 303
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Olmpiaweg 50
NL-3077 Al
Rotterdam
T: 31-10/492 94 00
F: 31-10/432 58 19

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NLK-7400 AD
Deventer
T: 31-5700/21 357
F: 31-5700/37 770

MVV
Postbus 4444
BL-6202 ZV
Maastricht
T: 31-43/63 48 13
F: 31-43/63 58 00

NAC
Postbus 3356NL-4800 DJ Breda
T: 31-76/21 19 75

NEC
Stadionplein 1
NL-6532 AJ
Nijmegen
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F: 31-80/56 74 75

PSV Eindhoven
Frederiklaan 10a
NL-5616 NG
Eindhoven
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F: 31-40/50 15 49

RKC
Postbus 4
NL-5140 AA Waalwijk
T: 31-4160/37 106
F: 31-4160/42 310

Roda JC
Postbus 1156
NL-6460 BD
Kerkrade
T: 31-45/41 10 63
F: 31-45/42 66 06

SC Heerenveen
Postbus 513
NL-8440 AM
Heerenveen
T: 31-5130/21 241
F: 31-5130/15 061

Sparta Rotterdam
Postbus 1802
NL-3000 BV
Rotterdam
T: 31-10/415 10 87
F: 31-10/415 49 60

Vitesse Arnhem
Postbus 366
NL-6800 Al Arnhem
T: 31-85/42 74 27
F: 31-85/45 90 88

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Postbus 235
NL-5000 AE
Tilburg
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F: 36-1/276 45 01

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Vagohid u. 10
H-4034
Debrecent
T: 36-52/41 81 96
F: 36-52/41 75 95

Soproni
Kaposztas u. 4
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F: 36-1/215 36 98

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F: 36-1/147 39 70

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Zardu u. 16
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Nagykanizsa
T: 36-93/31 20 66
F: 36-93/31 20 66

Parmalat FC
Csikvari ut 10
H-8002
Szekesfehervar
T: 36-22/31 90 25
F: 36-22/31 90 57

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Stadion u. 2
H-7633 Pecs
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F: 36-72/31 24 94

Raba ETO
Nagy S.J. u 31
H-9027 Gyor
T: 36-96/31 24 33
F: 36-96/31 24 98

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F: 36-1/22 88 46

Vasas
Fay u. 58
H-1139 Budapest
T: 36-1/120 94 57
F: 36-1/129 60 73

Vac FC Samsung
Stadion ut 2
H-2600 Vac
T: 36-27/31 47 95
F: 36-27/31 43 24

Zalaegerszegi TE
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F: 972-3/522 51 79

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F: 972-3/537 78 77

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F: 972-8/55 11 71

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F: 39-30/241 07 87

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F: 39-372/45 79 93

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F: 39-55/57 95 56

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F: 39-881/29 116

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F: 39-10/58 07 91

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F: 39-2/78 15 14

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F: 39-11/66 04 134

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F: 39-6/85 49 888

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1-20121 Milano
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F: 39-2/65 98 876

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1-80126 Napoli
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F: 39-81/766 27 63

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c/o Stadio Tardini
Via Partigiani
D'Italia 1
1-43100 Parma
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F: 39-521/28 99 24

Reggiana
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1-32100 Reggio
Emilia
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F: 39-522/92 18 25

Roma
Via di Trigoria Km
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1-00128 Roma
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F: 39-6/50 61 736

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1-16121 Genova
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F: 39-10/59 17 12

Torino
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T: 371-2/27 42 11

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T: 371-34/36 731

Gemma
Kr Valdemara
iela 65
Riga LV 1001
T: 371-2/33 33 64

Inter Skonto
Elizabetes
iela 75
Riga LV 1050
T: 371-2/28 26 29

Kimikis
Visku iela
1Daugavpils
LV 5400
T: 371-54/49 822

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Ezermalas 30
Riga LV 1010
T: 371-2/55 74 61

Pardaugava
Ezermalas iela 30
Riga LV 1014
T: 371-2/55 74 61

RAF (Jelgava)
Aviacijas iela 18
Riga LV 1014
T: 371-30/41 932

Skonto Riga
Skonto Ltd
Elizabetes Str 75
Riga LV 1050
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Vairogs
Kr Valdemara iela
21
Rezekne LV 4600
T: 371-46/36 694

Vidus - FK Riga
Darzciema iela 60
Riga LV 1073
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F: 371-2/27 27 27

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F: 370-61/38 403

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Krante street 5
LIT-5840
Gargzdai
T: 370-40/52 505

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Elektronikos
street 1
LIT-5319
Panevezys
T: 370-54/69 687
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Inkaras Kaunas
Raudondvario
street 127
LIT-3021 Kaunas
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F: 370-7/26 02 31

Interas AE Visaginas
Visagine street
23-10
LIT-4761
Visaginas
T: 370-66/27 924
F: 370-66/33 304

FBK Kaunas
Raudondvarie
street 93
LIT-3008 Kaunas
T: 370-7/26 15 00
F: 370-7/26 37 86

Musa Ukmerge
Deltuvos street 33
LIT-4120
Ukmerge
T: 370-11/57 149
F: 370-11/52 733

Panerys Vilnius
Siltnamiu street 38
LIT-2043 Vilnius
T: 370-2/44 80 43
F: 370-2/44 58 88

Tomar Mazeikiai
Gamyklos street
36LIT-5500
Mazeikiai
T: 370-93/66 995
F: 370-2/2975 41

Sakalas Siauliai
Vyteuto street 147
LIT-5419 Siauliai
T: 370-14/28 278

Sirijus Klaipeda
Artojo street 7
LIT-5799
Klaipeda
T: 370-61/16 747
F: 370-61/16 833

Zalgiris Vilnius
Zolyno street 29
LIT-2040 Vilnius
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L-4001 Esch-
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F: 352-54 32 97

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15 rue du St-
Esprit
L-1475
Luxembourg
T: 352-49 93 292
F: 352-33 23 71

CS Grevenmacher
3 rue de la
Conbregation
L-1352
Luxembourg
T: 352-47 82 635
F: 352-47 52 41

CS Petange
18 rue GD
CharlotteL-4719
Petange
T: 352-50 401
F: 352-50 23 03

Red Boys Differdange
BP 38
L-4501
Differdange
T: 352-54 46 46
F: 352-58 77 50

Aris Bonnevoie
14 rue des Pres
L-2349
Luxembourg
T: 352-48 59 98
F: 352-40 89 22

FC Avenir Beggen
BP 382
L-2013
Luxembourg
T: 352-47 82 300
F: 352-22 12.89

FC Wormeldange
57 rue Kecker
L-5489
Wormeldange
T: 352-76 769
F: 352-76 91 06

Swift Hesperange
41 rte des 3
Cantons
L-4970 Dippach-
Gare
T: 352-46 19 19 343
F: 352-36 94 37

FC Wiltz '71
BP 47L-9501 Wiltz
T: 352-95 70 61
F: 352-95 73 91

F91 Dudelange
146 rue RPJ Thiel
L-3571 Dudelange
T: 352-51 84 68
F: 352-51 84 68

Union Luxembourg
BP 1614
L-1016 Luxembourg
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F: 352-40 47 47

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91480 Gevagelija
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91220 Tetovo
T: 389-4/20 995

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Izvori-bb
9600 Ohrid
T: 389-6/22 010

Osogovo
Street Lazar
Andonov-bb
92300 Kocani
T: 389-/32 57 93
F: 389-0/33 16 75

Pelister
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Noemvri 14a
97000 Bitola
T: 389-7/34 155
F: 389-7/32 224

Pobeda Vitaminka
Gradski Stadion
Goce Delcev
97500 Prilep
T: 389-8/25 4556
F: 389-8/30 964

Rudar
92210 Probistip
T: 389-2/83 627
F: 389-2/83 406

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91000 Skophe
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91430 Kavadarci
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F: 389-3/75 521

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F: 389-1/11 56 39

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F: 356-24 51 36

Floriana
28 St Anna Street
M-Floriana VLT 15
T: 356-23 86 64
F: 356-23 34 98

Hamrun Spartans
42 Dun Nerik Cordina Perez Street
M-Hamrun HMR 04
T: 356-24 16 82
F: 356-24 51 36

Hibernians
Paola Square
M-Paola PLA 02
T: 356-80 25 44
F: 356-24 51 36

Naxxar Lions
29/30 Victory Sq
M-Naxxar NXR 03
T: 356-41 19 74
F: 356-33 20 04

Pieta Hotspurs
Our Lady of Sorrows Street
M-Pieta MSD 07
T: 356-23 13 36
F: 356-23 41 50

Sliema Wanderers
21 Tower Road
M-Sliema SLM15
T: 356-33 20 33
F: 356-32 02 19

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Centru 1890
Triq il-Pellegrinagg
M-Cospicua CSP 02
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F: 356-24 51 36

Valletta
126 St Lucia Street
M-Valletta VLT 08
T: 356-22 49 39
F: 356-24 07 09

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M-Zurrieq ZRQ 03
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F: 356-24 51 36

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279150 Falesti
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278000 Tiraspol
T: 373-233/272 59
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Dixon Park
Ballyclare
Co Antrim
BT 39 9EL
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The Showgrounds
Warden Street
Ballymena
Co Antrim
BT42 IBD
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Bangor
Clandeboye Park
Bangor
Co Down
BT19 INH
T: 44-247/45 77 12

Carrick Rangers
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Carrickfergus
Co Antrim
BT38 8NE
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Solitude
Belgast
T: 44-232/75 46 28

Coleraine
The Showgrounds
Coleraine
Co Londonderry
BT52 INQ
T: 44-265/53 655

Crusaders
Seaview
Belfast
BT15 3RE
T: 44-232/37 07 77

Distillery
New Grosvenor
Ballyskeagh
Lambeg
T: 44-232/30 11 48

Glenavon
Mourneview Park
Lurgan
Craigavon
BT66 8LT
T: 44-762/32 24 72

Glentoran
The Oval
Mersey Street
Belfast
BT4 IEW
T: 44-232/45 61 37
F: 44-232/73 29 56

Larne
Inver Park
Larne
T: 44-574/74 292

Linfield
Windsor Park
Donegall Ave
Belfast BT12 6LW
T: 44-232/24-41 98
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The Showgrounds
Newry, Co Down
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Portadown
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CH-8037 Zurich
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CH-1018
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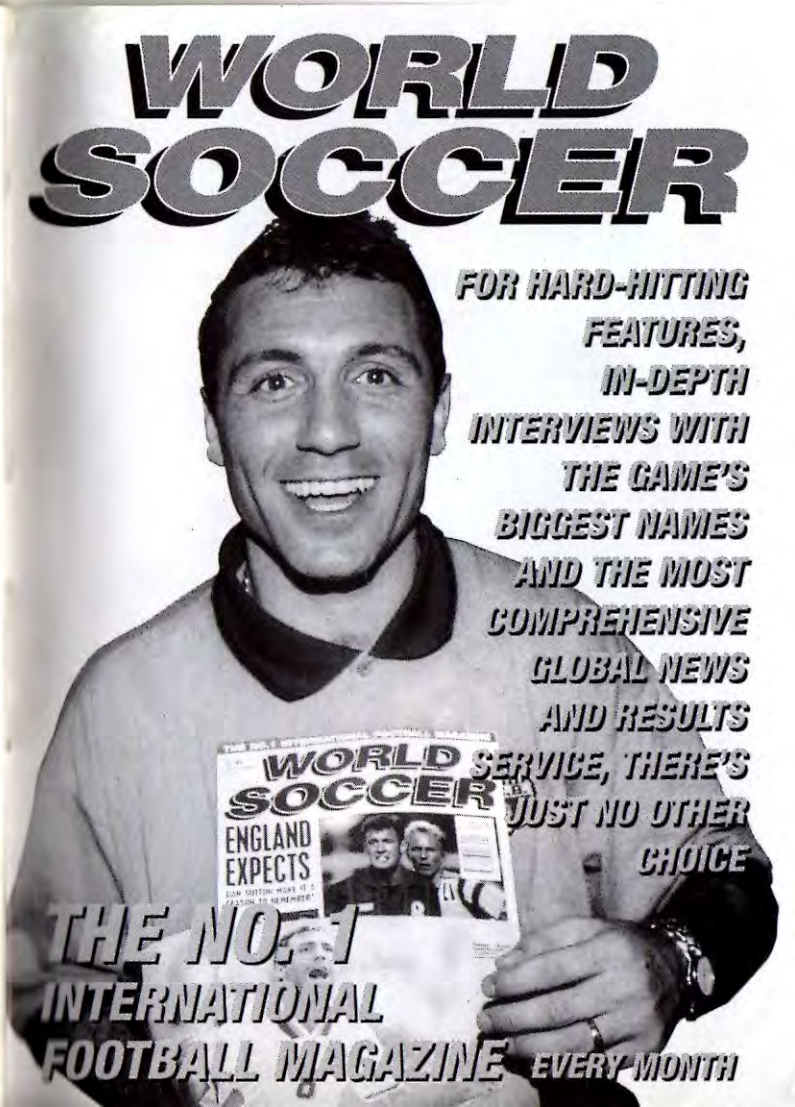

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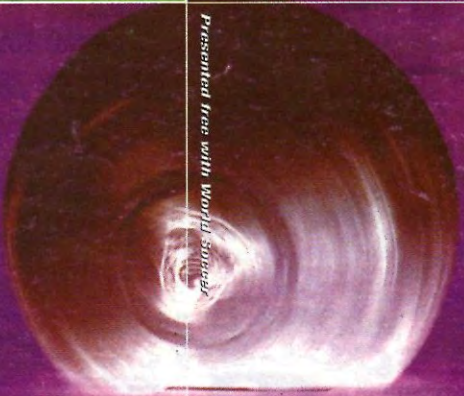

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